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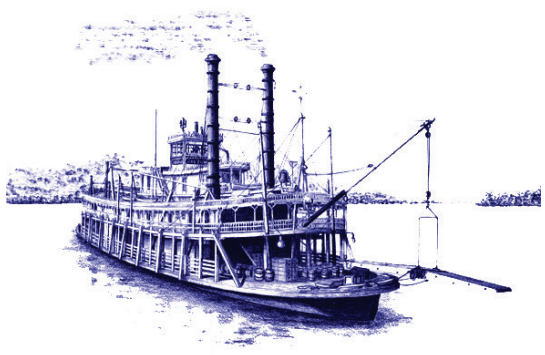

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BLF awards $5.2M in 1st year to help make county healthy

BY BOB DEMAREE

The first full year of grant funding by the Bethany Legacy Foundation (BLF) resulted in $5.2 million being committed to organizations through 37 grants throughout Jefferson County as the organization pursued its goal of making Jefferson County the healthiest county in the world.

Dora Anim

BLF was founded in 2022 after the change in ownership of King's Daughters' Health to Norton Healthcare from the Bethany Circle of King's Daughters and Sons that had owned the hospital since the late 1800s.

BLF's initial year was an organizational one including the hiring of Dora Anim as president and chief executive officer, but by the end of 2022, BLF was ready to start awarding grants. The first grant recipient in December 2022 was the Freedom Center for $56,865 that allowed for necessary renovations to the organization's home on the third floor of the Eggleston Community Center.

The next commitment was to the Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana for a building renovation at 601 West Street to provide a permanent location in Madison.

As the year went on, BLF supported numerous other projects. Some of bigger ones were commitments to the construction of the new Crystal Beach Aquatic Park ($2 million over two years), facility renovation at the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County ($716,778 over two years), pool upgrades at Southwestern High School/Middle School ($650,000), recreational improvements to the Hanover Community Park ($332,588) and the Strong, Smart and Bold Outreach Project for Girls Inc. ($352,000 over two years).

> **"In all we do, we are motivated by the vision of a county where the residents are self-reliant and can live, work, play and raise their families with hope and dignity."**
>
> *— Dora Anim*
> *Bethany Legacy Foundation President/CEO*

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MADISON POLICE CHIEF TAKES OATH

Above: New Madison Police Chief Shawn Scudder (center) takes the oath of office last Tuesday from Madison Mayor Bob Courtney (back) as his family (from left) son Emmett, wife Meghan, and daughter, Josie, join him at the Madison City Hall ceremony. Scudder, most recently a detective sergeant, takes over for retiring police chief John Wallace tomorrow.

Right: New Madison Police Chief Shawn Scudder (right) shakes hands with Mayor Bob Courtney after taking his oath of office on Tuesday, Dec. 26. He begins his new job effective tomorrow, Jan. 3.

Photos by Bob Demaree

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Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Madison provides meeting space for the PFLAG chapter of Hanover and Madison and 15 months ago decided to take the additional step of placing a rainbow flag, an LGBTQ symbol, in front of its building at 506 Mulberry Street.

Hanover Presbyterian Church is responsible for founding the local PFLAG chapter for Hanover and Madison more than a decade ago when a Bible Study group identified the need.

2 churches openly affirm LGBTQ community

Many churches still wrestling with homosexuality

BY BOB DEMAREE

Nearly one out of four United Methodist Churches have chosen to leave the denomination in the past four years over the issue of sexuality and gender identity. The issue of homosexuality is one in which many Christian churches — both other denominations and non-denominational — continue to wrestle.

But there are two Christian churches in Jefferson County that have made no secret about their stance of actively embracing and affirming those who identify as LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) — Hanover Presbyterian Church and Christ Episcopal Church in Madison.

Over the last five years, Christ Episcopal Church has provided meeting space for the PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) chapter of Hanover and Madison. But 15 months ago, the church decided to take the additional step of placing a rainbow flag, an LGBTQ symbol, in front of its building at 506 Mulberry Street.

"We wanted people to know," said the Rev. Mary Slenski, interim rector at Christ Episcopal. "We're making this a public witness that all are welcome," and that welcome includes LGBTQ people.

Slenski said many churches express that all are welcome but she said the meaning of welcoming all is not the same at every church. For some, she said their experience is that they "found all are welcome only if you conformed" to expectations of what they should be" and for LGBTQ it's that they "cannot be their whole self in their faith and before God and their worship. So, that's a sad thing that it doesn't mean the same everywhere."

She said the rainbow flag is there to "just put something out there, so people walking by, people here for weekend" will know that LGBTQ people are embraced and affirmed if they want to worship there.

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Jefferson County Jail

LODGINGS

December 29, 2023

• Wesley Robert Cron, 29, Versailles, Indiana, for Battery, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

• Rebecca Lynn Dodd, 37, Melburn, Florida, for Resisting Law Enforcement-Vehicle, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

• Samantha Kay Overby, 24, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (dealing and possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotics, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia). Bond $50,000 cash.

December 30, 2023

• Macklin Bowie Arnold, 37, Madison, for Theft-Shoplifting-Prior Unrelated Conviction for Theft or Conversion, a Level 6 felony. Released on own recognizance.

• Julie Renee Hill, 29, no address, for Possession of Methamphetamine, Neglect of a Dependent and Theft, all Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

• Christian Bailey Tiffany, 21, no address, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-Endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor; and Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond $500 cash.

December 31, 2023

• Tyler Andrew Davidson, 24, Salem, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of a Syringe, both Level 6 felonies; Possession of a Schedule Narcotic, a Class A misdemeanor; Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor; and on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear (theft). Bond a combined $1,500 cash.

Jefferson County Superior & Circuit Court

SENTENCINGS

December 27, 2023

• Zayrin Eric Youngblood, 27, Hanover, to an amended cnarge of Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to non-reporting probation plus $189 in court costs and restitution in an amount to be determined with No Contact Order issued.

• Dennis Matthew Webster, 34, Lexington, Indiana, to an amended charge of Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 10 days served and 355 days suspended to supervised probation plus $339 in fees and court costs.

• Charles Edward Cosby, 35, Madison, to an amended charge of Intimidation, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 204 days at Indiana Department of Correction, served, plus $189 in court costs.

• Charli Kay Kahn Stookey, 28, Madison, to an amended charge of Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to non-reporting probation plus $239 in fees and court costs consecutive to prior felony probation (drug conviction). If defendant commits violation in drug cause, then probation in resisting cause will be supervised and fees assessed.

Real Estate Transfer

JEFFERSON COUNTY

December 27, 2023

• Angela K. Schuler and Shirley S. Adams (estate) to Rickey L. Clark and Brenda K. Clark, 603 North 1450 West, Deputy.

• Ronald J. Frazee, Ronald J. Frazee and Barbara Frazee (living trust) and Barbara A. Frazee to Brian L. Marshall, 701 and 703 West Street, Madison.

• Annie K. Stanton and Charles P. Stanton to Charles P. Stanton, 50 and 60 South Oakdale Drive, Hanover.

• Link Ludington to Lime LLC, seven parcels at 611 Mulberry Street, Madison.

December 28, 2023

• Paige Michelle Hess Comeaux to Benjamin D. Sommer, 3 lots at 117 and 121 West Crowe Street and 24+ North Main Cross Street, Hanover.

• Paige Michelle Hess Comeaux to Comeaux Rental Properties LLC, 12 parcels in Hanover including: 27 North West Street, 32 and 47 North Main Cross Street, 132 West Main Street, 159 North Sycamore Drive, 169 and 233 Maple Street, 207 November Street, 237 Sharp Street, 333 Thornton Road; one parcel in Madison at 2213 Lanier Drive; and one parcel in Dupont at 10465 North West Front Street.

• Wilma Mae Galbraith and Karla S. Conn to Don Richard Galbraith, 4 parcels at 1925 Strader Street, Madison.

• Levi B. Wright Jr. and Patricia L. Wright to Levi B. Wright Jr. and Patricia L. Wright (trustees) and Levi and Patricia Wright Family Trust, approximately 80 acres at 6036 North East Prong Road, Madison.

• Steven C. Sparks and Patricia M. Sparks to Patricia M. Schwartz-Sparks, 216 Sunrise Drive, Madison.

• Elizabeth Ann Louden to Wade D. Schenck, 3405 North Quail Street, Madison.

• Brandy L. Shouse to Kelsey Wagoner, 1646 Bear Street, Madison.

• William Stephen Lohrig, Kathy Ann Byrne, Julie E. Jackson, Roger Wayne Lohrig, Kathleen Lorhig (life estate), Estelle Kathleen Lohrig and Frederick D. Jackson to Edward S. Mitchell, lots 24-32 at 344 Berry Street, Madison.

• Nate Murphy to Lucas Hilty and Verena A. Hilty, approximately 5 acres at 3181 East Geyman Hill Road, Madison.

• Kaleb Adams to Jake Scudder, lots 1-4, 13-16 at 300+ South Brooksburg Main Street, Madison.

• Deetta Osterman, Jeffrey Lee Jordan and Rosetta Marsh (estate) to Jessica R. Wagner, 9727 East Vernon Ridge Road, Madison.

Indiana man survives six days trapped in crashed truck

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTAGE — A 27-year-old man survived for six days on only rainwater while pinned tightly inside his crashed pickup truck beneath a highway bridge in northwest Indiana, police said.

His ordeal ended when two men scouting for fishing spots Tuesday afternoon noticed the badly damaged vehicle, its white airbag deployed, and reached inside.

"They touched the body, and the person turned their head and started talking to them. So, that got a little rise out of them," Sgt. Glen Fifield of the Indiana State Police told local news outlets.

The truck went off Interstate 94 ahead of a bridge over Salt Creek, missing the guardrail and likely rolling several times before landing on the other side of the creek, hidden out of sight from the road above, Fifield said at a news conference.

Matthew R. Reum, of Mishawaka, Indiana, was freed from the wreckage Tuesday evening by first responders working under bright floodlights, then airlifted to a hospital in South Bend with life-threatening injuries, Fifield said.

"He made it through the night. He is alive," Fifield told The Associated Press. He said Reum remained in critical condition on Wednesday morning.

South Bend Memorial Hospital released a statement on Reum's behalf thanking people for their support and well wishes, "including the good Samaritans who found him, the first responders and his caregivers."

"No matter how tough things get, there is a light at the end of the tunnel, sometimes in the least expected way," Reum said in the statement.

Mario Garcia, one of the fishermen who found the wreck, said Reum was awake and "very happy to see us," after being exposed to the elements since Dec. 20.

"It almost killed me there, because it was so shocking" to find him alive, Garcia said during a Tuesday news conference in the nearby city of Portage, The Times of Northwest Indiana reported.

Garcia, of Hobart, said Reum told them he had screamed and yelled for help but only heard the "quiet sound of water."

Reum told them his cell phone had fallen out of reach and his body was trapped, preventing him from calling for aid.

Fifield said Reum hadn't been reported missing. He said Reum drank rainwater to survive his ordeal.

"Had it not been for the two individuals that were walking the creek this afternoon, this incident more than likely would have had a different outcome," Fifield said in a statement. Reum's "will to survive this crash was nothing short of extraordinary."

Hilltop Gateway

Madison last week completed work on the wall, signage, flags and lighting at the hilltop gateway to the city as part of the redesign and upgrade of Clifty Drive and Michigan Road for the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing national retail development. The project creates a higher profile for that entrance to the city, improved traffic flow in a traditionally congested area and signage directing visitors to attractions in that area as well as other points of interest in the city such as the downtown commercial historic district and riverfront.

Bob Demaree

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BLF also supported the new playground and park in the Dupont community along with playground upgrades at Pope John Elementary School. The organization also pledged to buy 150 Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) distributed to multiple agencies and organizations throughout the county, and to provide mental health support for City of Madison Police. Also, a sensory activation vehicle sought by Kindness Jefferson County — a space to relax and decompress during events, often utilized by those with autism — was funded.

There has been transportation assistance with funding to replace vans for the Lifetime Resources Catch-a-Ride program and a van for Jefferson County Youth Shelter. There has been housing assistance with an almost $1 million commitment to Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana over five years for building homes in Habitat's new Clifty Woods subdivision.

"When you look at the breath of projects, it's amazing, and we think the county is better off, and it's not just because of us, but because of those who are doing the work, and we're happy to be a part of that," said Anim.

"We were intentional in offering diverse funding opportunities ranging from multi-year, unrestricted/discretionary, capacity building, match and challenge, programmatic and capital because we understand it will take a multi-faceted approach to achieve our goals," she said.

The framework also focused on youths, adults and seniors which Anim said "is intentional. We want to meet people where they are in their life cycle to support their well-being to thrive. We understand that to have a thriving county, no one group supersedes the other. We need solutions for everyone."

BLF Program Manager Morgan Hamilton emphasized that the work Bethany is doing is "not as much about us, but making the non-profits the heroes" for the work they are already doing.

"We're building on the strength that's already here," said Anim. "So, we're not saving the day but we're giving power to voice" of those organizations as a means for the community to come together for a healthier Jefferson County.

"The Bethany Legacy Foundation is committed to enhancing the tireless efforts of those serving the community. We are inspired by the impactful initiatives taking place throughout Jefferson County, and we are proud to collaborate with local nonprofits to make the county the healthiest place in the world," Anim said.

"In all we do, we are motivated by the vision of a county where the residents are self-reliant and can live, work, play and raise their families with hope and dignity," Anim said.

BLF is now planning for the future. The most recent grant application portal closed Oct. 31, 2023 and is tentatively scheduled to reopen March 4.

"As we think about next year, we're including space to improve our process," said Anim, noting that now is a time of reflection for BLF. "We remain agile to adapt, learn and refine as we go while meeting the needs of our community."

She said input will be sought from the partners and grantees in the first year of investments while also being more strategic and bringing new initiatives to Jefferson County.

Anim said BLF needs to be more proactive in addressing the health needs of the county. "We want to birth new ideas, based on what we're hearing. So, listening is always first, but based on that, we want to influence on how things come along. Status quo is not working so we have to create a new future. If we're always reactive then we would be in the same boat."

BLF's staff has grown from one — Anim, as the organization's first CEO in the summer of 2022 — to four. Angie Klein was the second employee, hired as office manager and recently promoted to operations director. And there are now two program managers — Veronica Watson and Morgan Hamilton.

"As a start-up, we are building this new foundation, brick by brick — honoring our strong history but focused on the future of our county. This involves our operational infrastructure, office space, building our team and especially how we grant and do our work," Anim said.

She said the work of Bethany Legacy Foundation will be ongoing for years to come, carrying on the legacy of the 12 women who were behind starting the hospital in Madison 127 years ago that the Bethany Circle carried on until January of 2022.

"Because of the journey they began, we can now say, 'We are here,' " said Darleen Connolly, BLF board chair, "and as we look ahead to future years, we can confidently say we will be here to ensure we are the healthiest county possible."

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Temperature: High 42, Low 30, Mean 36, Deficit 3.1
Precipitation since last published: .11
Precipitation, December 2023: 1.91
Precipitation, 2023: 45.68
Barometer: 29.76, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 424.54, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Mostly cloudy High 44/Low 23; **Thursday:** Partly cloudy High 38/Low 28; **Friday:** Mostly cloudy High 41/Low 29.

LOTTERIES

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 1-3-6-14-18-33 (12/30). Next Estimated Jackpot: $2.2 million. Next Drawing (1/3).
Cash Five: 17-32-36-40-45 (12/30)
Cash 4 Life: 11-23-34-42-58 CB: 4 (12/30)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 14-18-29-35 CB 21 (12/30)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 2-6-7-17-26 (12/30)
Lucky For Life: 6-13-17-37-44 **LB:** 17 (12/30)
MEGAMILLIONS: 11-27-30-62-70 MB: 10, MP x3 (12/29). Next Jackpot: $114 million. Next Drawing (1/2)
POWERBALL: 10-11-26-27-34 PB: 7, PP 4 (12/30). Next Estimated Jackpot: $810 million. Next Drawing (1/1)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 1-4-5-6-42 PB: 8 (12/30). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (1/1)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda @madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have follow-up questions.

JAN. 3
Amy Slayden Anderson

JAN. 5
Joe Johnson

JAN. 8
Mary Jo McClelland

OBITUARIES

Kathryn 'Kay' Donselman Wetterhus

Kathryn "Kay" Donselman Wetterhus, 98, of Madison, entered this life on July 2, 1925 in Dillsboro. She was the loving daughter of the late Walter Samuel Herman and Ida Ruth Graver Donselman. She graduated in 1943 from Dillsboro High School in Dillsboro. Kay then attended Indiana University in Bloomington and graduated in 1946 with her BS in Elementary Education. While at Indiana University Kay would meet her future husband who was attending there through the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). Kay also enjoyed membership in the Phi Mu Sorority at IU and the friends she kept. After graduation she moved across country to teach on the Navajo Reservation.

On a daytrip to Albuquerque, she reached out to that soldier from New Mexico she had met at IU. She was united in marriage on Aug. 22, 1946 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Immanuel Lutheran Church to Charles W. "Tom" Wetterhus. This happy union of nearly 70 years was blessed with one daughter, Jane "Jan" and one son, James "Jay." While her husband was finishing his engineering degree at the University of New Mexico, she taught at the San Felipe and San Ildefonso Pueblos near Albuquerque and at Immanuel Lutheran's school. Kay was always in her element when educating children. She knew how to bring joy, comfort and understanding to these children. When they lived in Carlsbad, NM she taught preschool there and then at Faith Lutheran in Albuquerque.

Kay and Tom were charter members of Christ Lutheran Church in Albuquerque and their faith and church family were an important part of their Christian life. Kay loved music and played the piano daily. Traveling was an important part of their lives. They had moved 26 times with Tom's work. They had traveled to all 50 states, to England, Norway, Australia, China and around South America. Since 2008, Kay and Tom made Madison, Indiana their home and were often seen walking hand in hand. They were regulars at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and at the Senior Dances at the Brown Gym. Kay was a faithful member of the Faith Lutheran Church on the hilltop in Madison.

After the death of her precious husband, Tom, in 2016, Kay made her home with her daughter, Jan. Kay and Jan would attend all musical productions of the Madison Performing Arts Program, concerts in the parks, and other performances close to Madison. Kay kept active and it was important to her to try to walk a mile every day. She will be remembered for her kind and gracious spirit and warm smile that she shared genuinely when ever you met her.

Kay passed suddenly and peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, at her home in Madison.

Kay will be missed by her loving daughter, Jane "Jan" Vetrhus of Madison; her loving son, James "Jay" Wetterhus and his wife, Kristine of Morton, IL; her beloved grandchildren, Timothy Wetterhus, Anna Wetterhus, Laura Williams and her husband, Dan, Kathryn "Katie" Floyd and her husband, Antwone; her adoring great-grandchildren, Genevieve, Lillian, Raymond, Ella, Leah, Kennedy, Cole, Jocelyn, Alexander, John and Jude; her husband's nieces, nephews, many cousins and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Samuel Herman Donselman and Ida Ruth Graver Donselman; her brothers, Robert Donselman and Raymond Donselman, her beloved husband of nearly 70 years, Charles W. "Tom" Wetterhus, died March 29, 2016.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Jeffrey Pflug at the Faith Lutheran Church, 3024 North Michigan Road in Madison. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison.

Friends may visit Friday, Jan. 5, 2024 from 4-7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, and Saturday from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the Faith Lutheran Church.

The family and friends will gather after the committal ceremony at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery for a time of celebration in memory of Kay at the Fairfield Inn in downtown Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Faith Lutheran Church or the Madison Performing Arts Program. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church.

Online condolences, remembrances and memorials may be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

William Edward Dulin Jr.

William Edward Dulin Jr., 57, of Madison, entered this life on May 19, 1966 in Carrollton, Kentucky. He was the son of William Edward Dulin Sr. and Linda Carol Carter Phillips. Junior died on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, at 1:09 p.m. at the Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Junior will be missed by his loving mother, Linda Carol Carter Phillips of Madison; his brother, Tim Carter and his wife, Judy of Walton, KY; his nephews and his nieces, Jacob Carter, Devin Carter and his wife, Bethany, Brittany Carter, and Brianna Carter; two aunts, Darlene Wright of Carrollton, KY, Wanda Mefford of Carrollton, KY; his uncle, Paul Carter of Madison; several cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his brother, James Lee "Jamie" Lovings; his stepdad, Delbert W. Phillips; his grandparents, Gaines and Edna Inman Carter.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024, at 1 p.m., by the Rev. Skip Napier at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison.

Friends may visit Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover.

Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Ronnie Ray Burgess

Ronnie Ray Burgess, 67, of Madison, entered this life on Jan. 30, 1956 in Madison. He was the loving son of Willie Edward and Betty Robbins Burgess. Ronnie died on Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at 8:22 p.m. at the Norton Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Ronnie will be missed by his loving son, Ray Burgess and wife, Ashley of Madison; his adoring grandson, Braxton Burgess; his father, Willie Edward Burgess of Milton, KY; his brother, Benny Burgess and his wife, Joanna of Madison; his sisters, Tracey Burgess Austin of Milton, KY, Ranee Muntz Wilson and her husband, Rodger of Madison; his sister in law, Lolita Belinda Burgess of TN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Robbins Burgess; his brother, Rickey Eugene Burgess; his sister, Rita Purgess Poe; his brother in law, Jerry Austin; his half brother, Terry Robbins, and his stepmother, Edna "Jenny" Jeanette Turner Burgess.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, at 6 p.m., by Bro. Darin Ayler at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison.

Friends may visit Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronnie Burgess Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover.

Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael Lloyd Butters, 53, of Bedford, KY, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at his home. Funeral service is at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, with burial in Moffett Cemetery in Milton, KY, www.tandyeckler rileyfuneralhome.com.

Ronald Lee Jones, 71, of Columbus, IN, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at Columbus Regional Hospital in Columbus. Funeral service is at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, KY, with interment in Pleasantview Cemetery in Milton, KY, www. ransdellfuneral.com.

Judy Lynn Bates Taylor Lindsay, 78, of Carrollton, KY, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at the Springs at Oldham Reserve in La Grange, KY. Arrangements will be announced by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Carl Grover Rippey, 77, of Madison, IN, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at Norton King's Daughters' Health. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Lillian Kemper Sparks, 84, of Milton, KY, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023, at her home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5, at Prewitt New Castle Funeral Home in New Castle, KY, with burial to follow in New Castle Cemetery, www. prewitts.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Salvation Army Food Bank

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Noon to 1 p.m.
331 East Main St., Madison

A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags. For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry

100 East Second St., Madison
Tuesdays — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Fridays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity Methodist Church, Madison
Mondays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., will distribute free clothing for those in need each Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more info call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS

Madison Senior Citizens Center

208 West Main Street

Senior Meals

Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals again at the Madison Senior Center starting in November on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Suggested donation is $6 and there will be a trial run on Oct 24.

Game Days

The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison. The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The games are free and open to senior citizens.

HANOVER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Exercising

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Lunch

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center. Cost is $5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

New organization's goal is to prevent child abuse

BY BOB DEMAREE

With CASA of Jefferson County's work to advocate for children of neglect and abuse both inside and outside of the courtroom steadily increasing, a new organization has been formed — Prevent Child Abuse Jefferson County — to address that issue from a position of prevention.

"CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) gets cases after the abuse has happened. We want to get out to prevent the abuse from happening at all," said Whitney Roberts, CASA of Jefferson County's executive director. "We want to prevent the abuse and neglect we have been seeing."

Prevent Child Abuse Jefferson County has been established as a separate entity from CASA with its own board and fiscal controls and chartered under Prevent Child Abuse Indiana (PCAIN) while operating under CASA's current 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

"We are incredibly excited about this new venture," said Linda Zapp, board president of Prevent Child Abuse Jefferson County. "With a collective effort, and community participation, we hope to significantly reduce instances of child abuse and neglect, ensuring a safer, happier future for our children."

Other officers include Michelle Zimmerman, vice president; Andrea Amis, secretary; and Chrissy Stewart, treasurer. The board also includes Roberts, Kimberly Courtney, Maria Arnold, Jill Turner, Olivia Crozier, Lauren Mix and Laura Lawson.

In addition to providing education on preventing child abuse and neglect, the organization will be dedicated to raising awareness and distributing education on various issues such as water safety, safe dating and internet safety.

Beginning in 2024, Prevent Child Abuse Jefferson County will schedule public trainings led by facilitators from Prevent Child Abuse Indiana that will address a range of topics aimed at child abuse prevention and the general well-being of children.

The national organization, Prevent Child Abuse America, was established through the vision of Donna J. Stone, an American poet and philanthropist, who sought a future in which no children are ever abused or neglected by providing the "seed" money to start the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse. In 1976, the first state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse was formed in Kansas.

In April — Child Abuse Prevention Month — CASA will hold its annual Make Art with the Pieces auction fundraiser on Thursday, April 25, at the Hen and Ben Event Center in downtown Madison.

CCMH announces ER services contract with Concord

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carroll County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) is transitioning to Emergency Room (ER) services through Concord Medical Group effective Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Concord Medical Group is a physician-owned and operated organization created by Dr. Kyle Sheets in 2001 for rural emergency departments in the west Texas area. Concord provides services in nine states, that includes emergency medicine, hospital medicine and radiology.

Dennis Raisor, chairman of the board at CCMH, said, "We believe that Concord Medical Group shares our unwavering commitment to patient satisfaction and delivering exceptional care close to home. This strategic move reinforces our dedication to providing the best possible health care services to our community."

Kim Haverly, CEO of Carroll County Memorial Hospital, said, "This transition aligns with our mission to continuously elevate the quality of care we offer. Concord Medical Group's reputation for excellence perfectly complements our commitment to the well-being of our patients."

Carroll County Memorial Hospital, which underwent a $5.7 million expansion and renovation in 2017-18, serves the communities of Carroll, Trimble, Gallatin, Owen, and Henry counties in Kentucky and Switzerland County in Indiana.

The contract with Concord Medical Group is just one of the agreements the hospital has reached in recent years to bring more doctors and more services to the rural area.

U of L Health entered into a partnership with Carroll County Memorial Hospital in June 2022 to help provide physician resources to CCMH, designated a federally medically underserved area, by seeing patients in CCMH's specialty clinic and providing specialty care including neurology, radiology and utilizing the growing telemedicine program.

Another one of the more recently added specialties reached a milestone last week when Dr. Ali Hader performed the first ever corneal transplant surgery at CCMH.

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SO TODAY IS "TEETOTALER TUESDAY"
ONE DAY WON'T KILL YOU
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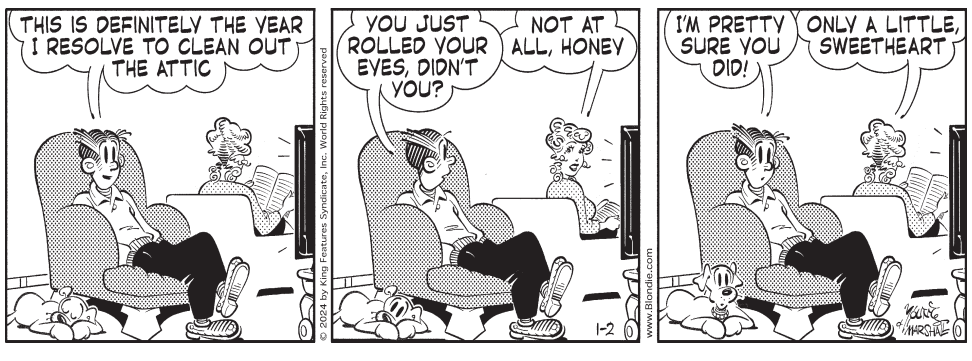
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YOU JUST ROLLED YOUR EYES, DIDN'T YOU?
NOT AT ALL, HONEY
I'M PRETTY SURE YOU DID!
ONLY A LITTLE, SWEETHEART
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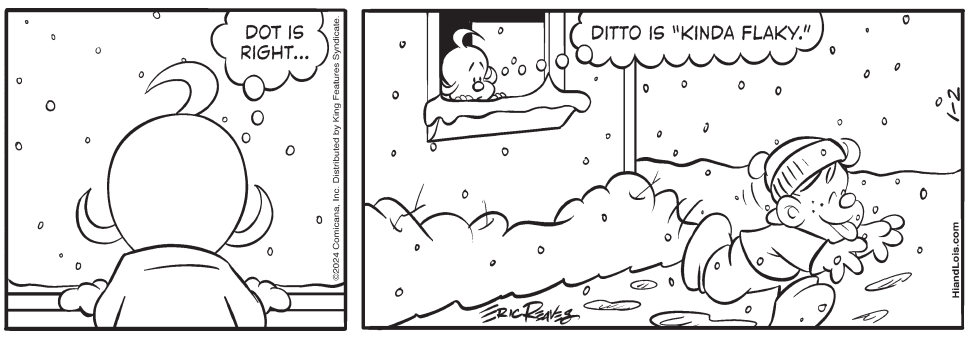

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I'D LIKE TO RETURN THIS PEACE FLAG.
ANYTHING WRONG WITH IT?
GIFT RETURN
I CAN'T HANG IT OUTSIDE MY CAVE IN AN ELECTION YEAR.
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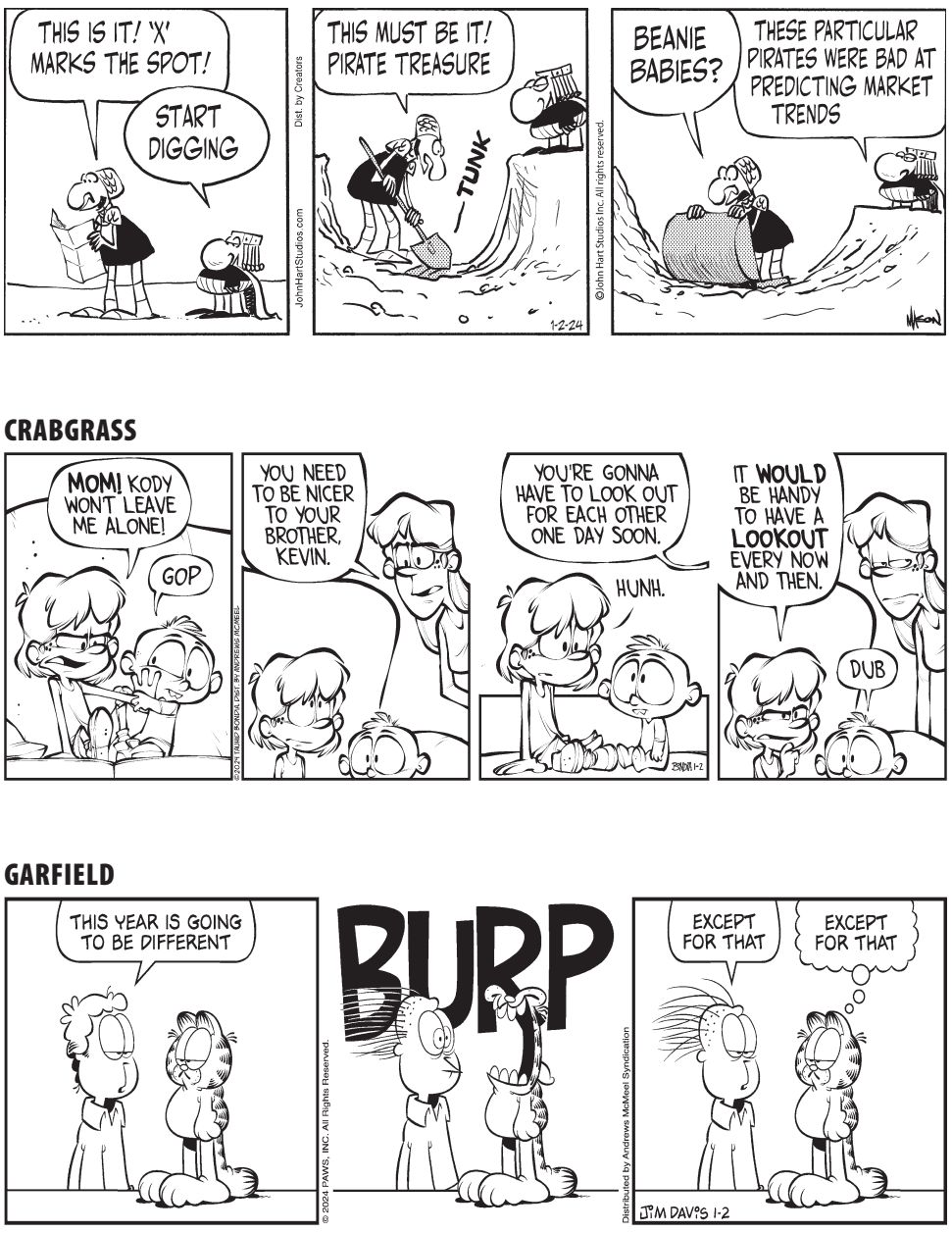

CRABGRASS

MOM! KODY WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE!
GOP
YOU NEED TO BE NICER TO YOUR BROTHER, KEVIN.
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER ONE DAY SOON.
HUNH.
IT WOULD BE HANDY TO HAVE A LOOKOUT EVERY NOW AND THEN.
DUB
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GARFIELD

THIS YEAR IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT
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EXCEPT FOR THAT
EXCEPT FOR THAT
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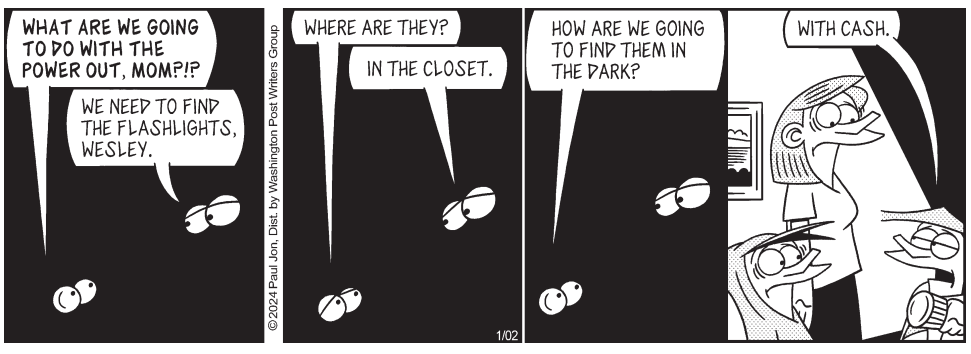
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THE POWER OUT, MOM?!?
WE NEED TO FIND THE FLASHLIGHTS, WESLEY.
WHERE ARE THEY?
IN THE CLOSET.
HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND THEM IN THE DARK?
WITH CASH.
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PICKLES

I TOOK NELSON TO THE DOCTOR TODAY FOR A CHECKUP.
OH, HOW DID IT GO? IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
IT WAS GOING WELL UNTIL THE DOCTOR SAID, "AH! I SEE WE'RE GOING COMMANDO TODAY, EH?"
OH, NO!
WHAT DOES "GOING COMMANDO" MEAN?
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FAMILY CIRCUS

"Mommy, how long do we hafta stay out before we can have hot chocolate?"

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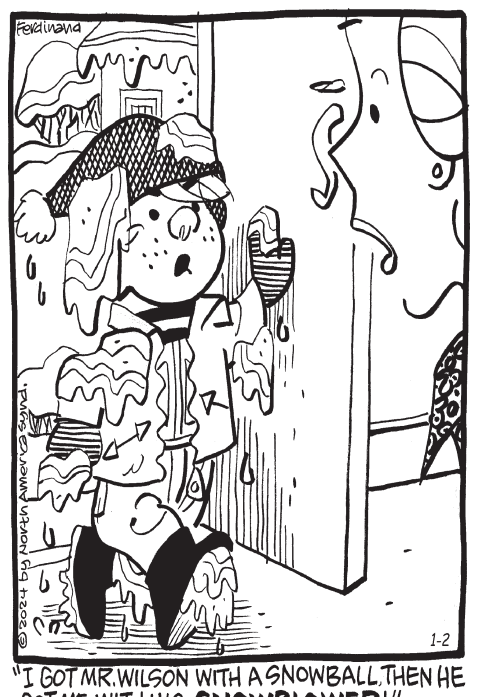

"I GOT MR. WILSON WITH A SNOWBALL, THEN HE GOT ME WITH HIS SNOWBLOWER!"

BABY BLUES

SO, YOU'RE READING MY BOOK?
JUST GETTING STARTED.
WHAT DO YOU THINK SO FAR?
I'M ON THE TITLE PAGE.
AND WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?
WANDA!
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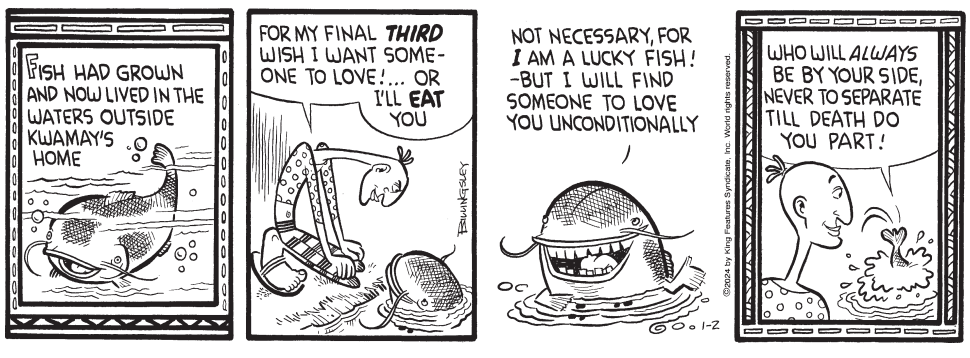
FISH HAD GROWN AND NOW LIVED IN THE WATERS OUTSIDE KWAMAY'S HOME
FOR MY FINAL THIRD WISH I WANT SOMEONE TO LOVE!... OR I'LL EAT YOU
NOT NECESSARY, FOR I AM A LUCKY FISH! -BUT I WILL FIND SOMEONE TO LOVE YOU UNCONDITIONALLY
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WHO WILL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE, NEVER TO SEPARATE TILL DEATH DO YOU PART!
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THERE WAS NO ANSWER, SO I LEFT A VOICE MAIL.
YOU DIDN'T!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
LEAVING A VOICE MAIL IS WORSE THAN CALLING WITHOUT TEXTING FIRST!
SO, I'M GETTING ETIQUETTE ADVICE FROM SOMEONE WHO EATS SOUP WITH HIS FINGERS?
ONLY WHEN THERE ARE NOODLES INVOLVED.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 2, 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts launched his successful bid for the presidency.

On this date:

In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1811, Sen. Timothy Pickering, a Federalist from Massachusetts, became the first member of the U.S. Senate to be censured after he'd improperly revealed the contents of an executive document.

In 1900, U.S. Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agreement on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1967, Republican Ronald Reagan took the oath of office as the new governor of California in a ceremony that took place in Sacramento shortly after midnight.

In 1971, 66 people were killed in a pileup of spectators leaving a soccer match at Ibrox Stadium in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 miles an hour as a way of conserving gasoline in the face of an OPEC oil embargo. (The 55 mph limit was effectively phased out in 1987; federal speed limits were abolished in 1995.)

In 2007, the state funeral for former President Gerald R. Ford began with an elaborate service at Washington National Cathedral, then moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In 2015, Little Jimmy Dickens, a diminutive singer-songwriter who was the oldest cast member of the Grand Ole Opry, died at age 94.

In 2016, a heavily armed group led by Ammon and Ryan Bundy seized the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon, beginning a 41-day standoff to protest the imprisonment of two ranchers convicted of setting fires on public land and to demand the federal government turn over public lands to local control.

In 2018, Sen. Al Franken formally resigned from the Senate a month after the Minnesota Democrat announced his plan to leave Congress amid a series of sexual misconduct allegations, while NBC News announced that Hoda Kotb would be the co-anchor of the first two hours of the "Today" show, replacing Matt Lauer following his firing due to sexual misconduct allegations.

In 2023, at the Vatican, tens of thousands of people filed past the body of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI as it lay in St. Peter's Basilica, while in Brazil, thousands paid their respects to soccer legend Pele in a procession past his coffin at Vila Belmiro Stadium in his hometown of Santos.

Today's Birthdays: TV host Jack Hanna is 77. Actor Wendy Phillips is 72. Actor Cynthia Sikes is 70. Actor Gabrielle Carteris is 63. Movie director Todd Haynes is 63. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher David Cone is 61. Baseball Hall of Famer Edgar Martinez is 61. Actor Tia Carrere is 57. Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. is 56. Model Christy Turlington is 55. Actor Taye Diggs is 53. Actor Renée Elise Goldsberry is 53. Rock singer Doug Robb (Hoobastank) is 49. Actor Dax Shepard is 49. Actor Paz Vega is 48. Ballroom dancer Karina Smirnoff (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 46. Rock musician Jerry DePizzo Jr. (O.A.R.) is 45. R&B singer Kelton Kessee (IMX) is 42. Pop singer-musician Ryan Merchant (Capital Cities) is 43. Actor Kate Bosworth is 41. Actor Anthony Carrigan is 41. Actor Peter Gadiot is 39. Jazz singer-musician Trombone Shorty is 38. Singer-songwriter Mandy Harvey (TV: "America's Got Talent") is 36. R&B singer-rapper Bryson Tiller is 31. San Diego Padres shortstop Fernando Tatís Jr. is 25.

BEETLE BAILEY

(SIGH) ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER DOLLAR
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SIR, COULD YOU CONSIDER GIVING MISS BUXLEY A RAISE?
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BLONDIE

I WONDER IF BUMSTEAD GOT THAT CRATE OF ENERGY DRINKS I SHIPPED TO HIM FOR CHRISTMAS
IT MIGHT BE HARD TO TELL
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UH-OH, IT LOOKS LIKE HE MIGHT BE IMMUNE TO THEM
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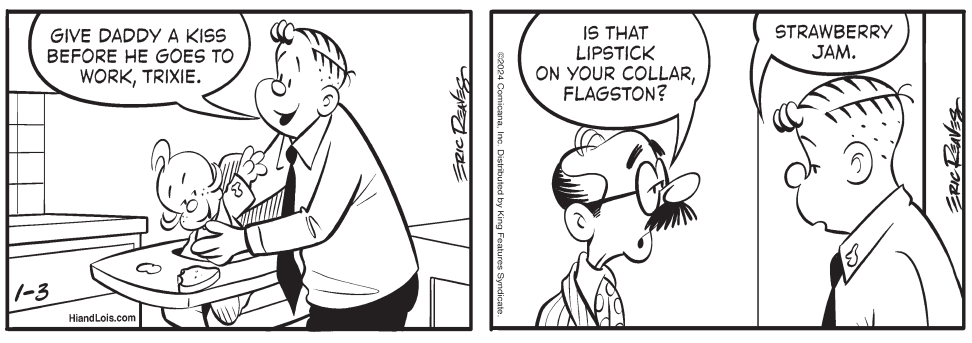
GIVE DADDY A KISS BEFORE HE GOES TO WORK, TRIXIE.
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IS THAT LIPSTICK ON YOUR COLLAR, FLAGSTON?
STRAWBERRY JAM.
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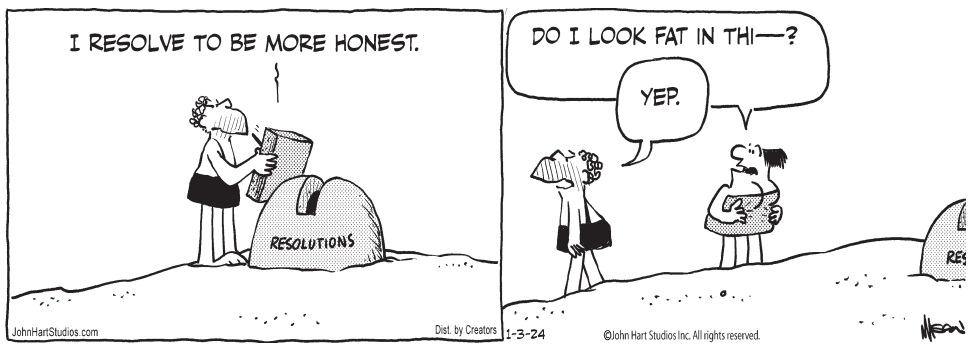

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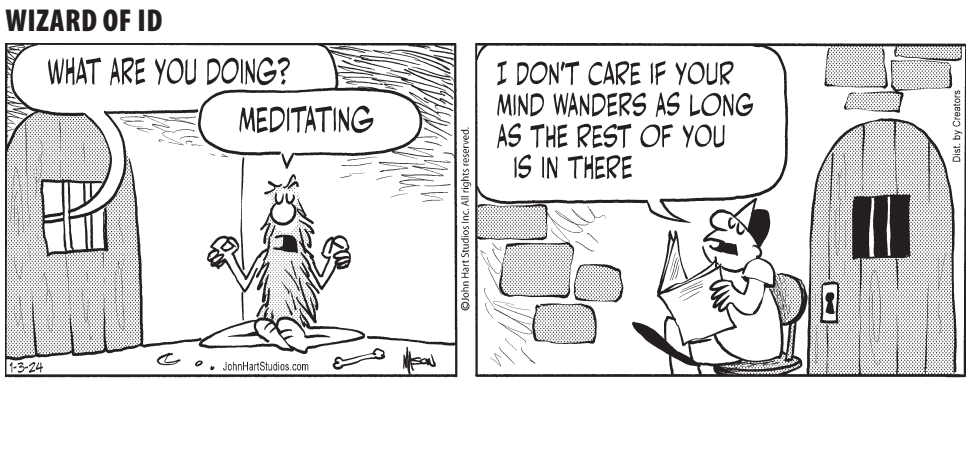
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
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I DON'T CARE IF YOUR MIND WANDERS AS LONG AS THE REST OF YOU IS IN THERE
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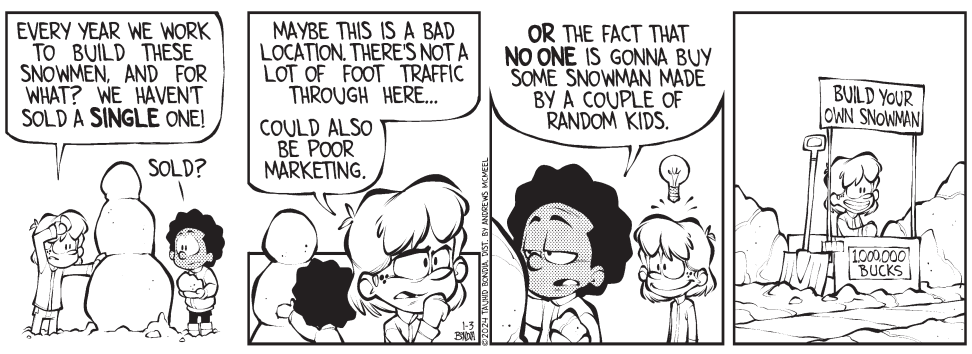
EVERY YEAR WE WORK TO BUILD THESE SNOWMEN, AND FOR WHAT? WE HAVEN'T SOLD A SINGLE ONE!
SOLD?
MAYBE THIS IS A BAD LOCATION. THERE'S NOT A LOT OF FOOT TRAFFIC THROUGH HERE...
COULD ALSO BE POOR MARKETING.
OR THE FACT THAT NO ONE IS GONNA BUY SOME SNOWMAN MADE BY A COUPLE OF RANDOM KIDS.
BUILD YOUR OWN SNOWMAN
100,000 BUCKS
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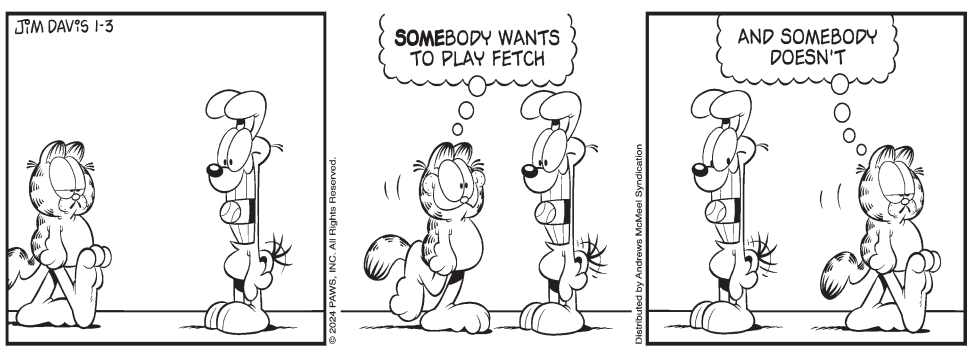
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SOMEBODY WANTS TO PLAY FETCH
AND SOMEBODY DOESN'T
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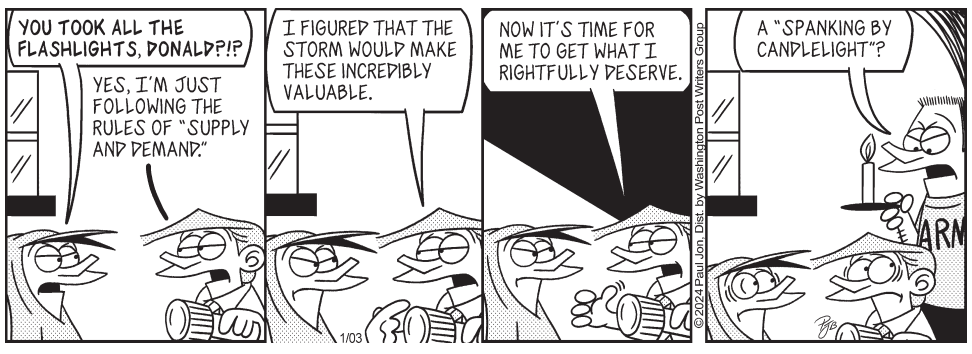
YOU TOOK ALL THE FLASHLIGHTS, DONALD?!?
YES, I'M JUST FOLLOWING THE RULES OF "SUPPLY AND DEMAND."
I FIGURED THAT THE STORM WOULD MAKE THESE INCREDIBLY VALUABLE.
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NOW IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GET WHAT I RIGHTFULLY DESERVE.
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A "SPANKING BY CANDLELIGHT"?

PICKLES

EARL, HAVE YOU SEEN MY WHISKER?
I CAN'T FIND IT.
YES, IT'S RIGHT THERE ON YOUR CHIN, BUT I WAS TOO POLITE TO MENTION IT.
WHAT? NO!! I MEAN MY KITCHEN WHISKER, FOR BLENDING AND MIXING THINGS!!
OH, IS THAT WHAT THAT THING WAS? I THINK I PUT IT IN MY TOOL BOX.
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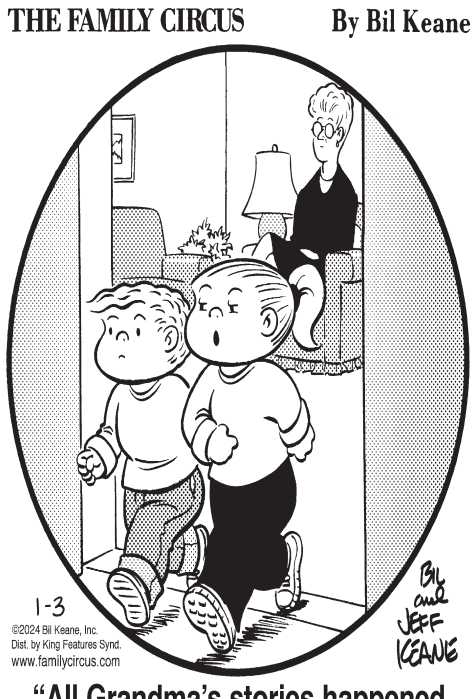

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

HAVE YOU FINISHED MY BOOK YET?
I'M READING IT SLOWLY.
NO RUSH. TAKE YOUR TIME.
IT'S WRITTEN FOR NINE-YEAR-OLDS. LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP WITH THE BIG WORDS.
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CURTIS

THE NEXT MORNING KWAMAY FOUND A BIG DOG WAITING TO GIVE HIM A SLOBBERY BIG KISS.
YOU WANTED TO BE LOVED UNCONDITIONALLY TILL DEATH DO YOU PART- THAT'S THE DEFINITION OF A DAWG!
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"FISH... I MEANT ANOTHER HUMAN BEING - A PERSON! HOW'D YOU GET IT WRONG?" ASKED KWAMAY.
YOU GRANTED MY TWO OTHER WISHES PERFECTLY!
ACTUALLY, N-NO, I DID NOT

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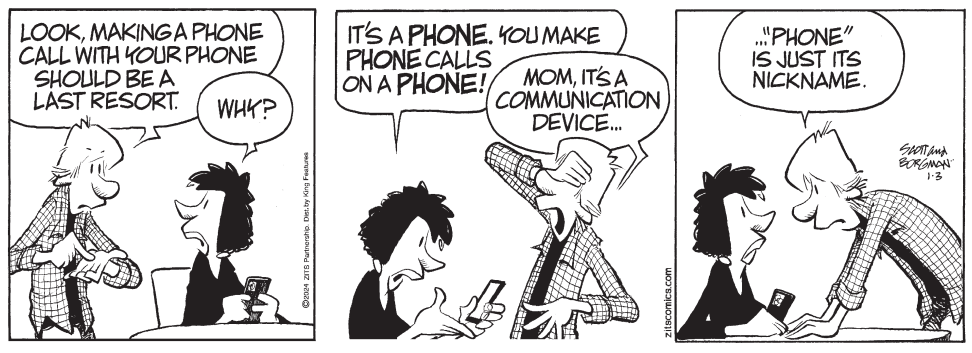
LOOK, MAKING A PHONE CALL WITH YOUR PHONE SHOULD BE A LAST RESORT.
WHY?
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IT'S A PHONE. YOU MAKE PHONE CALLS ON A PHONE!
MOM, IT'S A COMMUNICATION DEVICE...
..."PHONE" IS JUST ITS NICKNAME.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

On this date:

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1861, more than two weeks before Georgia seceded from the Union, the state militia seized Fort Pulaski at the order of Gov. Joseph E. Brown. The Delaware House and Senate voted to oppose secession from the Union.

In 1868, the Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of Japan's emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as shoguns.

In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced the United States was formally terminating diplomatic and consular relations with Cuba.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald — the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy — died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1977, Apple Computer was incorporated in Cupertino, California, by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Mike Markkula Jr.

In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

In 2002, a judge in Alabama ruled that former Ku Klux Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry was mentally competent to stand trial on

murder charges in the 1963 Birmingham church bombing that killed four black girls. (Cherry was later convicted, and served a life sentence until his death in November 2004.)

In 2007, Gerald R. Ford was laid to rest on the grounds of his presidential museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, during a ceremony watched by thousands of onlookers.

In 2008, Illinois Sen. Barack Obama won Democratic caucuses in Iowa, while Mike Huckabee won the Republican caucuses.

In 2013, students from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, reconvened at a different building in the town of Monroe about three weeks after the massacre that had claimed the lives of 20 first-graders and six educators.

In 2018, President Donald Trump signed an executive order disbanding the controversial voter fraud commission he had set up to investigate the 2016 presidential election after alleging without evidence that voting fraud cost him the popular vote; the White House blamed the decision to end the panel on more than a dozen states that refused to cooperate.

In 2020, the United States killed Iran's top general in an airstrike at Baghdad's international airport; the Pentagon said Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the head of Iran's elite Quds force, had been "actively developing plans to attack American diplomats and service members" in Iraq and elsewhere. Iran warned of retaliation.

In 2022, a jury in San Jose, California, convicted Elizabeth Holmes of duping investors into believing that her startup company Theranos had developed a revolutionary medical device that could detect diseases and conditions from a few drops of blood.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dabney Coleman is 92. Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 81. Musician Stephen Stills is 79. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 78. Actor Victoria Principal is 74. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 68. Actor Shannon Sturges is 56. Actor John Ales is 55. Jazz musician James Carter is 55. Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 52. Musician Thomas Bangalter (Daft Punk) is 49. Actor Jason Marsden is 49. Actor Danica McKellar is 49. Actor Nicholas Gonzalez is 48. Singer Kimberley Locke (TV: "American Idol") is 46. Actor Kate Levering is 45. Former NFL quarterback Eli Manning is 43. Actor Nicole Beharie is 39. Pop musician Mark Pontius is 39. R&B singer Lloyd is 38. Pop-rock musician Nash Overstreet (Hot Chelle Rae) is 37. Actor Alex D. Linz is 35.

PFLAG chapter to stage 'Masquerade Gay-la'

BY TAYLOR WILLIAMS
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The PFLAG Hanover/Madison chapter will host a "Masquerade Gay-la," the organization's first ever Bridgerton/Regency-inspired masquerade event on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Richwood on the River in Milton.

"We're trying to use it as an annual fundraiser event," ORetha Beavers, PFLAG Hanover/Madison's current president said. "The theme would change every year."

Organizers invite guests to dress up to enjoy the event. "It doesn't have to be regency. People have different budgets; it's just a chance to dress up fancy that you usually don't get," Beavers said.

Guests are encouraged to come in any regency style costume or any kind of fancy dress, but it's all open to interpretation by the guest. "If you have a sparkly ball-gown you've had your eye on or something that's in your Amazon cart you've been looking for an excuse to wear, this is the time to do that," Beavers said. "Just make it fun."

There will be drinks, appetizers, and hors d'oeuvres to enjoy. "We've already got catering lined up and the menu items for their appetizers just look amazing, so I'm excited for food," she said.

There will also be a grand staircase style photo booth area to take pictures, costumed entertainers and drag performers — such as Tova Uravitch and Coree Sheers — to mingle with the crowd, a DJ that will play music, older style dance lessons, and other kinds of entertainment.

A silent auction will also be held and the organization is accepting donations for the auction. Items that will be on display will be a surprise until the day of the gala, but it will be a wide range of items.

"It's supposed to be a fun event where you can relax and have a good time and it's after the holidays when things are kind of slow, so maybe just a chance to get out with a friend or two and use it as a date night," Beavers said. "Just come out and have a good time."

This fundraiser will benefit the organization to keep it going, and also collect money to bring in an LGBTQ+ therapist to the area on a regular basis, either monthly or bi-monthy.

"We know mental health care providers are in short supply, and then also finding friendly providers for LGBTQ+ individuals can be tough — especially in rural areas," Beavers said. "We're hoping to partner with some therapists that are friendly to the LGBTQ+ community to bring them in regularly so that we can help make mental health care more accessible for everybody."

Ticket prices are $30 for singles and $50 for couples who purchase non-alcoholic tickets. Open bar tickets are $60 for singles and $110 for couples. Tickets are only available on MadTix. A limited number of VIP tables are also available for groups and businesses sponsoring the event.

Other PFLAG events are planned in 2024 including Drag Brunches, Drag Bingos, painting events, community events such as Old Court Days in the spring and fall and the Swiss Wine Festival, attending the Southern Indiana Pride event with a booth that will be selling merchandise and the Out of Darkness walk in September.

CHURCHES

FROM PAGE A1

Hanover Presbyterian Church is responsible for founding the local PFLAG chapter more than a decade ago with the idea coming during a Bible Study when the group was going through verses that are the Beatitudes — blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the meek, blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the pure in heart, blessed are the peacemakers, and blessed are those persecuted because of righteousness.

And in October of 2011, there was one when the Bible Study focused on the verse, Matthew 5:7: "Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy."

Hanover Presbyterian member Janet Huber Lowry said there were six women in the Bible Study that day "sitting around the table. The first one said, 'I don't think I could be merciful to a salon in Madison that wouldn't be nice if my grandson and I came in to get our nails done,' " the remark in awareness that her grandson was gay.

Lowry recalled that conversation: "The next woman said, 'Our middle son is gay' and the next person said, 'My first husband was gay.' And Lowry was next and stated, "My brother-in-law is gay." The fifth person stated, "The kids in my neighborhood know they can come and talk to me about this issue when they wouldn't find a receptive conversion with their own parents. And that was five out of the six of us. The last person really didn't have a contribution to make."

Lowry said the remarks struck her with a thought. "Holy cow, we need a PFLAG chapter in this community." And, the other women said "What's that?"

Lowry knew of PFLAG from her work as a sociology professor for 25 years at Austin College in Texas. "I was aware of their work in education and advocacy and support" although at that time "I didn't know a lot" about PFLAG but "I said it looks like this community could use a chapter that's supportive and helpful to families dealing with this issue." And the other five women in the Bible Study said, "Let's do it."

Lowry got in touch with the national PFLAG organization and on April 15, 2012, the PFLAG chapter of Hanover was founded. Eventually, the chapter began meeting in Madison, becoming the PFLAG chapter of Hanover and Madison. Hanover Presbyterian Church remains the sponsor of the PFLAG chapter with Christ Episcopal now providing the meeting space.

Hanover Presbyterian has also been a member for about a decade of More Light Presbyterians, a national organization dedicated to LGBTQ inclusion in the Presbyterian Churches USA.

Lowry said congregation supported Hanover Presbyterian's decision to openly affirm LGBTQ people. "I don't recall any objection. I don't think we lost membership, and don't recall in the decision to become a More Light church that there were objections. We've had more schisms over the (Hanover) cemetery" that the church owns.

Slenski just completed her second year of interim rector of Christ Episcopal and wasn't at the church when it was wrestling with the issue of homosexuality but said she's been told that it was during a time that Rev. Rick Draper was rector (1998-2010). "He called the congregation to meet. They sat around here in the room, and had a chance to go around and talk about how they felt about this … that kept people together, having a kind of community that will allow you to share and be authentic with one another."

Slenski said the issue of homosexuality was brought to the forefront in the Episcopal church in 2003 when Gene Robinson was elected bishop by the diocese of New Hampshire as the first openly gay partnered bishop elected in the Episcopal church. "That sent ripples throughout the church," said Slenski.

"It was the first time the question was posed in a public way" in the Episcopal church, she said. "It's like is this OK? Is this an appropriate manner of life for someone with this position and authority and this responsibility in the church. So, people started raising a lot of questions and examining, and for a few years there were some threats of splits."

Slenski said what made the difference in getting through that was "how good the congregations journeyed through that transition" in gathering together and talking it about it — "just giving people a chance to respond."

And when looking at the matter of homosexuality, Slenski said it is about "faithful relationships. We're not so much worried about who one loves. We're far more worried with the quality of the relationship and that you are in a responsible relationship; that we saw the same qualities in those relationships as in heterosexuals coming to us to be married and have the blessing of God through the church. So, if the love is the same, how can we say one love is not of God, and the other is?"

Lowry said Hanover Presbyterian Church hasn't gained any new members by affirming LGBTQ people. "It's all part of our mission of social justice, so it's what we do. It may come into some wider sense at a later point."

But Lowry knows of one person whose faith has grown through work of Hanover Presbyterian Church, and that's the gay middle son of the woman in the Bible Study. "He's now an ordained minister sponsored by our church," she said. "Something was right in that story. Something about the nurturing and welcoming and affirming part of this church didn't turn him away" from his faith, but helped him embrace it and go into ministry himself.

For Slenski, she said it all relates to the Bible verse to "love thy neighbor." She said loving the neighbor relates to whether "you're Republican or Democrat or independent, LGBTQ, or black, brown and white, or young and old." It's a message she's heard from Michael Curry, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal church who said, "If it's not about love, it's not about God."

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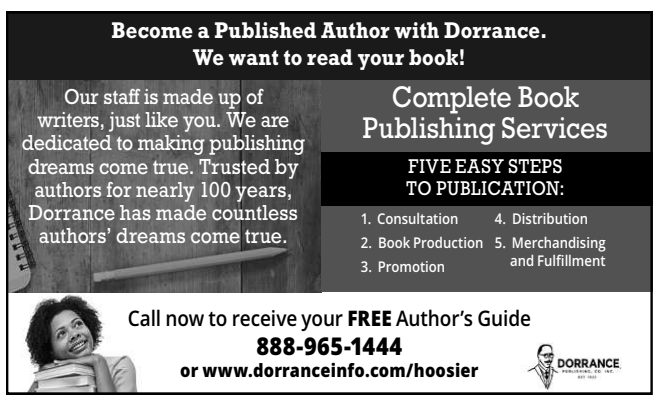
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Floyd Central's late score hands Southwestern its 1st loss, 64-63

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Southwestern coach Zac Nussbaum wanted to add Floyd Central to the schedule to give his team a better test as it prepares for the upcoming sectional tournament. And despite the Rebels suffering their first loss of the season, Nussbaum was pleased with what he saw.

Floyd Central made two free throws with 10.7 seconds left and then fended off two Southwestern possessions to claim a 64-63 win in Hanover on Saturday night.

The Class 4A Highlanders were bigger at nearly every position than the Class 2A No. 4 Rebels and have faced off against some of the state's best teams. With that in mind, Nussbaum was OK with letting a win slip away, assuming that his team learns from the experience.

"That's why we scheduled this game. People who just look at Floyd Central's record and see that they're 3-6 and think that they can't be very good, but look at who they play," Nussbaum said. "They took Evansville Harrison to overtime, they beat Bloomington South. They played the second toughest schedule in the state. That's the type of physical team we're gonna have to beat to win a sectional. And I'm not a big fan of moral victories but I told them in the locker room this game is going to make us better."

Southwestern (10-1) has been accustomed to coming out of the gates strong this season, but that didn't happen on Saturday. Pushed back due to Floyd's size and strength, the Rebels found themselves trailing by eight at one point in the second quarter before battling back to within 29-27 at halftime.

Southwestern opened the third quarter on fire, scoring 25 points to seize the lead and still led by five (60-55) with 3:56 to play. Floyd Central chipped into the lead and survived a technical foul down the stretch to tie the game 62-62 on a Brock Conrad basket with 2:02 to go.

Southwestern was content to run the clock down from there and eventually went back on top on a Jamison Lewis free throw with 21 seconds left. Floyd Central came right down and attacked with Nathan Rushing drawing a foul and hitting both free throws to put the Highlanders up 64-63 with 10.7 seconds to play.

David Campbell

Southwestern's Landon Kidwell (34) defends a shot by Floyd Central's Brock Conrad (42) during Saturday's game in Hanover. The 64-63 Rebels loss was Southwestern's first in 11 games this season.

Southwestern had two shots to take the lead, but Lewis' attempt with just over three seconds left went wide. The Rebels fouled and Floyd Central rewarded them with two missed free throws, but with just 1.7 seconds left, they had few options. Peyton Cloud got a good look at a half-court attempt at the buzzer, but it also was wide.

SEE **LOSS/PAGE B2**

Injury-plagued Shawe finishes 2nd in Browning Classic at Carroll County

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Already hit hard with injury, Shawe girls basketball suffered another massive injury but still managed to finish second in the Pam Browning Classic at Carroll County on Friday.

Sophomore Audrey Barron, last year's Madison Courier Player of the Year, suffered a season-ending knee injury before the first game of the season was played and classmate Hunter Mote joined her on the bench after suffering a knee injury of her own, ironically in a game where she was named player of the game.

Mote was injured in the Hilltoppers' 62-40 win over host Carroll County in the tournament semifinals on Thursday after scoring 16 points, dishing out eight assists and grabbing five rebounds and four steals.

Jamison Williams scored a career-high 15 points and had 12 rebounds in the win over Carroll, Ava Turner had 12 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, Allison Knoebel had 10 points and Yolett Perez had nine points.

With Mote injured, Shawe was forced to face off against Rowan County in the championship game on Friday with just five players. After a rough start which saw them trail 35-16 at halftime, the Hilltoppers battled back and outscored the Vikings 16-9 in the fourth.

Knoebel had 15 points, seven rebounds and four assists for Shawe, and Turner and Williams each had 12 points and five rebounds.

Carroll County ended up placing fourth in the tournament. After defeating Covington Holmes in the opening round on Wednesday and losing to Shawe on Thursday, the Panthers suffered a 63-40 loss to North Central Kentucky Conference rival Walton-Verona in the third place game on Friday.

Shawe Athletics

Shawe's girls basketball team finished second in the Pam Browning Classic at Carroll County on Friday. Members of the team are (from left): Hunter Mote, Yolett Perez, Ava Turner, Odyessy Felix, Jamison Lewis, Allison Knoebel and Audrey Barron.

Kaitlyn Hensley scored 18 points in the loss to Shawe, leaving her just 10 points shy of the 1,000-point mark for her career. No stats for the game against Walton-Verona were available. Madie Hicks added nine points for Carroll against Shawe.

Switzerland County finished fifth in the tournament, closing out the week with two wins. The Pacers defeated Trimble County 52-36 in the consolation semifinals on Thursday and Harrison County 62-50 in the fifth-place game on Friday.

Halle Archer had 21 points, three rebounds and three assists to lead Switzerland against Trimble while Courtney Higgins had 15 points and six steals and Lauren Smith had eight points and seven rebounds.

Against Harrison County, Bri Stow had 14 points, Higgins had 10 points and three steals, Archer had nine points, seven rebounds and five steals, and Claire Rogers had eight points and three assists.

Trimble County placed seventh in the tournament after beating Holmes 46-38 on Friday.

Ainslie Stark led Trimble County with 13 points against Switzerland and Jolie Wilcoxson had 12. The team's leading scorer Addison Edmondson was held to just four points.

Against Holmes, Edmondson scored 17 points, Wilcoxson had nine and Stark seven.

Shawe, now 5-8 on the season, hosts Rock Creek on Thursday and travels to Oldenburg on Friday.

Carroll County, now 2-9 on the season, hosts Boone County on Tuesday and travels to Sayre on Saturday.

Switzerland County, now 10-7 on the season, competes in the Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn starting on Wednesday. The Pacers will face South Dearborn in the opening round with the consolation and championship games set for Friday.

Trimble County, now 7-5 on the season, hosts Walton-Verona on the opening round of the All "A" Classic Eighth Region Tournament on Wednesday.

WRESTLING ROUNDUP

3 locals win titles at girls regional tournament

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's Angelina Yantz and Maylie Skinner, and Switzerland County's Serenity Sims each won championships at the IHSGW Girls Wrestling Regional at West Washington on Saturday.

Yantz won the crown at 105 pounds, Sims won the championship at 125 pounds and Skinner won the title at 155 pounds.

Yantz (9-7) claimed a victory by forfeit in the opening round of her tournament run and then pinned her next two opponents to win the crown. She pinned Jeffersonville's Avah Steffey in 2:55 in the semifinals and Kaylee Hatton of Jennings County in 3:41 in the finals.

Sims (4-0) pinned Seymour's Megan Stout in 1:07 in the second round of her tournament then posted a 7-3 decision over Jeffersonville's Abigail Lemon in the finals for the title.

Skinner (19-1) had no trouble in either of her matches whipping West Washington's Ryli Skinner for a 17-2 technical fall in the semifinals then picking up a medical forfeit over Borden's Makenzie Ziel in the championship.

Two other Madison Cubs and three other Switzerland County Pacers finished in the top four to advance to the semistate.

Madison's Maya Bullock (5-6) placed second at 100 pounds and Brooklyn Neece (2-1) was third at 190 pounds. Switzerland's Avy Burkholder (5-3) was second at 110 pounds, Klaire Redwine (6-4) was second at 135 pounds and Maleah Wolf (0-4) was fourth at 145 pounds.

Switzerland's Payton Stow (11-7) was fifth and Madison's Brookellen Prosser (3-13) did not place, both at 115 pounds.

Jennings County scored 121 points to edge out Jeffersonville (107) for the regional team title. Madison was fourth with 63.5 points and Switzerland was fifth with 49 points.

The regional will be held at Mooresville on Saturday.

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JAN. 2

BASKETBALL

- Carroll Co. girls host Boone Co., 7:30 p.m.
- Madison girls at Brownstown, 7:30 p.m.
- Southwestern boys host Providence, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

- Madison at Salem, 6 p.m.
- Southwestern hosts Shawe, Switzerland Co., 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3

BASKETBALL

- Switzerland Co. girls at South Dearborn, Rivertown Classic, 6 p.m.
- Hanover women host Anderson, 6 p.m.
- Trimble Co. boys at Walton-Verona, All "A" Classic 8th Region Tournament, 6 p.m.
- Hanover men at Anderson, 7:30 p.m.
- Trimble Co. girls hosts Walton-Verona, All "A" Classic 8th Region Tournament, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

- Switzerland Co. hosts Providence, South Ripley, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

- Switzerland Co. hosts Clarksville, South Dearborn, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

BASKETBALL

- Switzerland Co. boys at South Dearborn, Rivertown Classic, 6 p.m.
- Shawe girls host Rock Creek, 7 p.m.
- Madison girls host Charlestown, 7:30 p.m.
- Southwestern girls host Austin, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

- Switzerland Co. hosts Southwestern, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

BASKETBALL

- Switzerland Co. girls, Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn, TBA
- Shawe girls at Oldenburg, 6 p.m.
- Madison boys at Scottsburg, 7:30 p.m.
- Shawe boys at Oldenburg, 7:30 p.m.
- Southwestern boys at South Decatur, 7:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Southwestern finishes 4th in 16-team Yoho Classic

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Senior Ashley Fulton scored 60 points over the four games and was named to the all-tournament team. Fulton had 20 points against Brownstown, 15 in both of the pool play wins over Martinsville and Bloomfield and 10 against North Knox.

Southwestern went 2-2 and placed an impressive fourth place in the 16-team Toby Yoho Classic at North Daviess last week.

The Rebels won both of their games in pool play, defeating Martinsville 43-19 and Bloomfield 47-41. Southwestern then suffered a 63-36 to Class 2A No. 1 North Knox in the semifinals and dropped a close 61-60 decision to Brownstown in the third-place game.

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Rorie Scroggins had 10 points and Kinsten Long nine against Martinsville, Chloey Leach had 13 points and Riley Scroggins nine against Martinsville, Leach had 11 and Rorie Scroggins eight against North Knox and Leach had 15 and Rorie Scroggins 10 against Brownstown.

Southwestern, now 10-9 on the season, travels to Austin on Thursday and hosts Switzerland County on Jan, 11.

CUBS LOSE 2 AT DECATUR

Madison girls basketball dropped two games in the North Decatur Tournament on Friday.

In the opening game, Madison lost 54-41 to Shelbyville. Juliana Davis had 16 points, Caity Dailey scored nine and Mylee McQueary had eight.

In the consolation game, Madison fell 52-33 to North Decatur. Davis had 15 points and Dailey scored nine.

Madison, now 7-7 on the season, travels to Brownstown on Tuesday and hosts Charlestown on Thursday.

PACERS 3RD AT HOME

Switzerland County boys basketball won two games and placed third in the inaugural Rider Realty Christmas Classic at Switzerland on Friday.

The Pacers came from behind to beat Trinity Lutheran 55-54 in the opening game of the tournament then suffered a 64-59 loss in double-overtime to Christel House. Switzerland then rallied to defeat Hopkins County Central 79-64 in the third-place game.

Switzerland, now 6-4 on the season, plays in the Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn starting on Thursday. The Pacers play host South Dearborn in the opening game. The consolation and championship games is are on Saturday.

TRIMBLE BOYS LOSE 3

Trimble County boys basketball suffered three loses in the Chain Rock Classic at Pineville last week.

The Raiders lost 81-66 to host Pineville, 74-70 to Fairview and 76-42 to Middlesboro. Dylan Penick was named to the all-tournament team.

Hayden Webster scored 20 points to lead Trimble against Pineville while Coltin Humphreys had 15 points and Ethan Keller 11. No stats were available for the other two games.

Trimble, now 3-11 on the season, travels to Walton-Verona on Wednesday for the opening game of the All "A" Classic Eighth Region Tournament.

CARROLL FALLS TO LUDLOW

Carroll County boys basketball dropped a 70-49 decision at home to Ludlow last Saturday.

Carroll, now 3-8 on the season, travels to Shelby County on Saturday.

Hanover women split pair at Bluffton

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover College women's basketball came one overtime away from sweeping both games in the Bluffton (Ohio) Classic over the weekend.

On Friday, Hanover defeated Mount Union (Ohio) 69-59 but on Saturday came up just short (77-74) to Muskingum (Ohio) in overtime.

Grace Bezold scored 28 points and had eight rebounds to lead Hanover in the win over Mount Union. Katherine Benter added 12 points, five rebounds and four assists and Sammy Berman had 10 points and seven rebounds off the bench.

Bezold had another big game against Muskingum, scoring 25 points and grabbing nine rebounds in the loss. Taylor Heath had 20 points, five rebounds and five assists and Benter had nine points.

Hanover, now 6-5 on the season, hosts Anderson on Wednesday and travels to Manchester on Saturday.

Southwestern's Brady Cook (5) shoots a fadeaway jumper over Floyd Central's Nathan Rushing (5) during Saturday's game in Hanover.

David Campbell

LOSS

FROM PAGE B1

After shooting just 33% in the first half, Southwestern hit 52% (11-for-21) of its shots in the second half, a welcome sign for Nussbaum that showed that his team adjusted to Floyd's size. Still, the Rebels were out-rebounded 38-22 and gave up 16 rebounds, something that he knows they will have to improve.

"I told them, and it's no offense to some of the teams we played, but sometimes things just came too easy. And that leads to bad habits," Nussbaum said. "I think that we adjusted in the second half really well. A couple of shots that we had just didn't fall and they just kept grinding and brought it back. It was a good opportunity for our boys to find out what we need to work on. This is what we need to do to get to where we want to be."

Lewis scored 16 points and had four assists to lead Southwestern while Cloud added 15 points, Brady Cook had 14 points and Landon Kidwell battled to 11 points and eight rebounds.

The 6-foot-6 Conrad had a monster game of 15 points and 17 rebounds for Floyd before fouling out while Rushing scored 15 points. Austin Cardwell added 14 points for Floyd Central (4-6).

Next up for Southwestern is a massive showdown with Class 2A No. 5 Providence, a team that beat Floyd 60-56 on Dec. 15, on Tuesday in Hanover. The Pioneers are a sectional foe that has beaten the Rebels three-straight times and represent the type of physical team that Nussbaum knows they will have to beat if they want to win a title.

"They're one of the best defensive teams in the state and very physical. Coach Miller does a tremendous job. We got our work cut out for us," Nussbaum said. "But I do think this type of game is what helps us get ready for that game and playing against Providence is gonna help us get ready for the sectional It's disappointing how we lost, but there's a lot to learn from."

TUESDAY EVENING

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34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Whose..	Whose..	Family Law		BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
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A&E	28	36	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Interro..	Interro..	Court..
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SHOW	221	16	★★★★ World War Z ('13)				★★★★ The Drop ('14) (P)				★★★★ The Italian Job		
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THURSDAY EVENING

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DISC	31	38	Contraband		Contraband		Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Jessie
ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		NHL Hockey					Basketball Colorado at Arizona			
FREE	18	40	★★★★ Freaky Friday ('03)				★★★★ The Parent Trap ('98) Lindsay Lohan.						700Club
FX	40	28	★★★ Zombieland: Double Tap				★★★★ Deadpool ('16) Ryan Reynolds.					★★★★ Deadpool	
HBO	201	17	Movie	★ The Kill Team ('19) (P)			★★★ Jurassic World ('15)				(:10) ★ Time Bomb Y2K		
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SHOW	221	16	Movie	★ Heist 88 ('23)			★★★ Beau Is Afraid ('23) Joaquin Phoenix.						Movie
TMC	233	74	Movie	(:25) ★ Small Time Crooks			★ Everyone Says I Love ...		(:40) ★ Woman in Red				Movie
TNT	27	43	(4:30) ★ Creed II		Tip-Off	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball		
USA	26	33	(5:00) ★★★★ Batman Begins ('05)				★★★★ The Dark Knight Rises ('12) Christian Bale. (P)						

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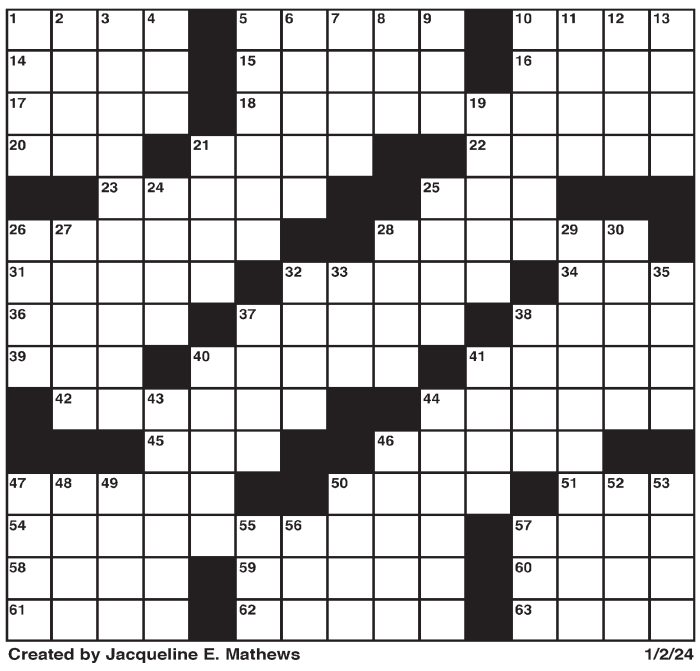

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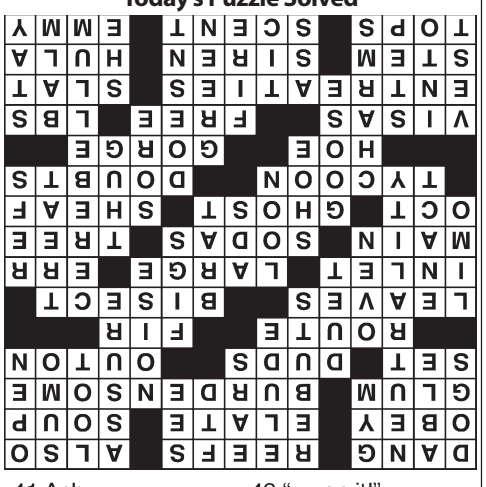
1 "Phooey!"
5 Sandbars
10 "Not only that…"
14 Follow orders
15 Fill with joy
16 Dinner course
17 Sullen
18 Crushing; difficult
20 __ out; begin a trip
21 Milk __; candies in a box
22 Walk __; desert
23 Mailman's beat
25 Mountain tree
26 Fall fallers
28 Cut in two
31 Narrow waterway
32 Oversize
34 "To __ is human…"
36 Downtown street name
37 Soft drinks
38 Fruit bearer
39 Calendar pg.
40 House haunter
41 Bundle of grain
42 Business magnate
44 Is skeptical
45 Soil turner
46 Steep-walled canyon
47 Credit cards
50 On the loose
51 Scale divisions: abbr.
54 Pleas
57 Blinds piece
58 Wineglass part
59 Reason to pull over
60 Wahine's dance
61 Spinning toys
62 Odor
63 Award for "Cheers"

DOWN
1 Mutts
2 "__ was I ere I saw Elba"
3 Switzerland's WWII position
4 Health club
5 Counters an argument
6 Steer clear of
7 All __; listening
8 Floral delivery svc.
9 Fifth word in the "The Star-Spangled Banner"
10 Guarantee
11 Ransack
12 Japanese wrestling form
13 Dentist's directive
19 Clamor
21 Song for two
24 Dutch __; cast-iron kettle
25 Mediterranean fruits
26 Star's car
27 __ laws; make legislation
28 Difficult child
29 Part of the brain
30 Unexpected pleasure
32 Crazy as a __
33 Internet pop-ups
35 NFL officials
37 Sneaker
38 Hoodlum
40 Waterbird
41 Achy
43 Bracelet danglers
44 "Alice __ Live Here Anymore"
46 Inexperienced
47 Upper-body garment
48 Press __ service; put to work
49 "__ on it!"; cry to a slowpoke
50 Blaze
52 Healing lotion
53 Stick around
55 Mule's father
56 __-tac-toe
57 "Murder, __ Wrote"

Today's Puzzle Solved



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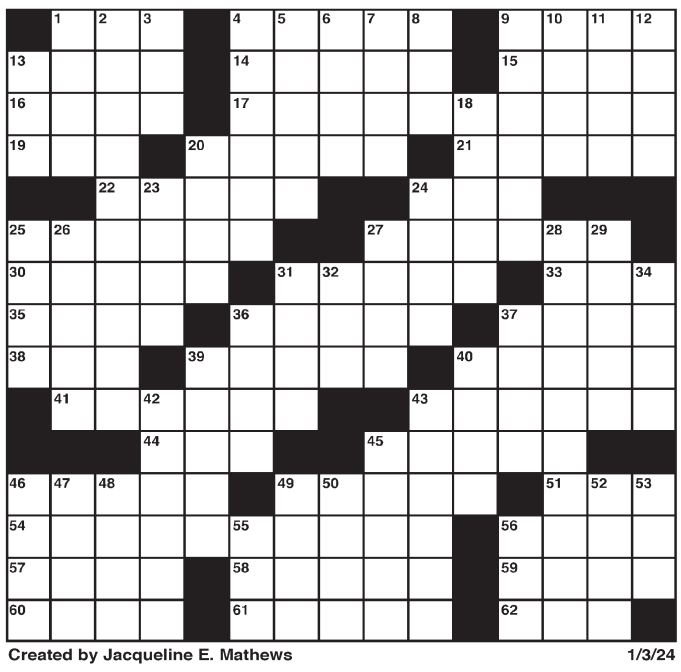

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9 Unexceptional
13 Albacore or bluefin
14 Insincere
15 Zealous
16 Coveted statuette
17 Dimwit
19 Jungle beast
20 Bowling alley divisions
21 Injures
22 __ for; cheers on
24 Knight's title
25 Point the finger at
27 Get by somehow
30 Happiness
31 San __, CA
33 Wapiti
35 Elevator
36 Have a hunch about
37 Foot part
38 Big bird
39 Abbey chanters
40 One stroke over par
41 __ Mary; red cocktail
43 __ of; finds out about
44 Neighbor of Canada: abbr.
45 Russian liquor
46 Lessen
49 Puts on weight
51 Prefix for noun or verb
54 Opposition
56 __ again; on second thought
57 Actor James
58 Part of BPOE
59 Astute
60 Like some juries
61 Deep hole
62 Part of fall: abbr.

DOWN
1 Send a Dear John letter to
2 Coldhearted
3 Certain vote
4 Modernize
5 Deliberately ignores
6 Make sharper
7 Split __; hair problem
8 Bread variety
9 African desert
10 Above
11 Thailand, once
12 Chances
13 British custom
18 Safari sighting
20 Gambler's woe
23 Remove from office
24 Turkey stuffing herb
25 __-bodied; robust
26 Scale
27 Clutter
28 "National __"; magazine since 1888
29 Actress Burstyn
31 Declare untrue
32 Tattoo parlor supply
34 Islets off Florida
36 Malt shop order
37 __ up; absorb
39 Heston role
40 Pieces of furniture
42 Day trip
43 Solitude lovers
45 Evil habits
46 Prefix for way or bishop
47 Jeff Bridges' brother
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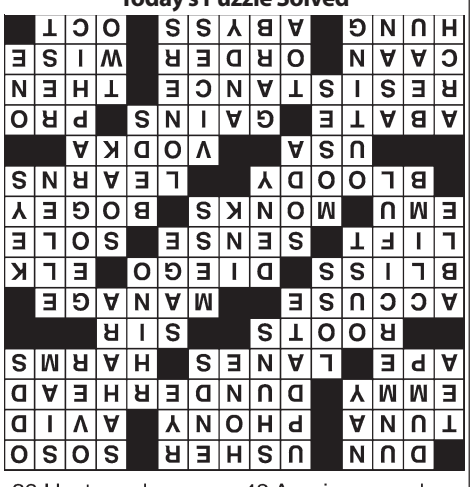
Today's Puzzle Solved



Reader provides an emotional roller coaster 'update'

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Readers: Periodically, I ask readers for "Updates" regarding their questions which have been published in this space. I enjoy communicating with readers, and, for those who have generously allowed their questions to be published, I am naturally curious about how things might have turned out. Below is an update for a Q&A that was originally published in 2018. You can read the original question, followed by my answer. The update follows that.

Dear Amy: If a romantic relationship is emotionally draining, is this a sign of toxicity?

My girlfriend and I have been together exclusively for four years, but she is my first girlfriend so I don't have much to compare our relationship to.

Everyone says that "relationships are hard work," but should I feel like it's an emotional roller-coaster?

— Drained and Wondering

Dear Drained and Wondering: Here are some life-events that can be emotionally draining on a day-to-day basis: Raising an autistic child, losing a loved-one to dementia or caring for someone at the end of life. Being in a romantic relationship should NOT be emotionally draining.

I suspect that if you ever left this relationship and subsequently found yourself with someone who was a better fit for your temperament, you would feel like that roller coaster you'd been riding had finally leveled out. You would feel like you were coming home.

Dear Amy: Here is my "update" on your advice: It took me three years to break up with this person, but in the fall of 2021, I finally did. I did not realize I was being emotionally and psychologically abused. I truly had to hit rock bottom and almost lose my relationship with my parents and my job to realize that I had to get out, but I did! I view my choice to leave as live-saving. I have not found my "new person" yet, but I'm free and happily living a beautiful new life that would not have been possible otherwise.

I think one thing that made it hard to follow your advice was my limited language. I didn't know I was being abused, so I didn't know to tell you that. Instead, I sugarcoated it as "emotional roller coaster" and "draining." In fact, my partner even manipulated me with the language I used whenever things got tough, saying things like, "all relationships are work." And since I had limited experience and was desperate for love, I believed them. I actually almost broke up with my partner not long after my letter ran in 2018, but they guilted me with threats of suicide. My advice to anyone who relates to my letter is: Get out. Now. Don't wait until it gets bad enough that you have to pack a "go bag" and involve third parties to feel safe. Just end it and don't be manipulated. You'll be opening up a new life for yourself.

Parents worry about son's SEAL plan

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: My wife and I have a son who is 22 years old.

He will be graduating from an excellent college with a bachelor's degree in economics. He's a smart and physically fit young man who has great potential.

He plans to join the Navy after he graduates, and his goal is to train to become a Navy SEAL.

He wants to "make a difference" in the world and is very gung-ho with defending and serving the United States.

Although his intentions are admirable, we are aware that becoming a Navy SEAL is extremely difficult and that the process pushes applicants beyond their physical limits. He is, of course, aware of the rigors of SEAL training and is preparing himself for it. We are extremely concerned about our son being sent into combat. If he is intent on joining the military, we think that he can better serve his country by going into an area where he can use his brain instead of his physical abilities.

How can we make him realize that there are alternatives to serving his country aside from trying to become a Navy SEAL?

— Concerned Parents

Dear Concerned: As an almost-graduate at his excellent college, your son is surrounded by information about his options. Trust in his intelligence, even if you believe that he is naïve. This is his dream, not yours, and he has the right to pursue it.

You should approach this challenge the way he will — by meeting the future in stages.

According to the Navy's website, training to become a SEAL (Sea, Air and Land) is extremely rigorous (they describe it as "brutal") and lasts for over a year after basic training. After completing that phase, SEAL candidates have another 18 months of "pre-deployment" training. (And … to speak to your concern about your son "using his brain," intelligence and mental toughness — as well as grit — are key components to success.)

The many stages of training will give your son multiple opportunities to rethink his choice and be presented with alternative ways to serve. Your job as parents is to be honest with him about your reservations but to also let him know that ultimately you have his back.

Furthermore, even though you obviously have concerns, expressing pride in his ambition and admirable goals will likely make this process easier for him. Not standing in your son's way may also disrupt the particular dynamic where your opposition essentially strengthens his resolve to defy you.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may be more attractive to others when you ask a question or show an interest in someone else's opinions. There could be an opportunity to create a favorable impression on someone who might be worthy of your respect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — The glass may be both half-empty and half-full. Being optimistic and seeing the positive side to issues can give you a boost over the top of obstacles. Try not to let extra cash burn a hole in your pocket, it may be wiser to save.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Scattered thoughts can make poor communications even worse. Before you reply to that email or text make sure you give it another once over before hitting send. A little effort may reveal a diamond in the rough.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Bonds of love make the connection between people much stronger. There may be temptations in the world, but you could prefer being attached to someone who shares the same passion and ambitions as you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A proposed purchase might be just what you wanted but it can be wise to remain on your guard to avoid letting gullibility get the best of you. Do your best to avoid misconceptions, especially when it comes to your spending.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be as realistic as possible right now. You might realize that you have been lost in daydreaming when talking about your goals. You could accidentally mislead someone by being vague, so strive for clarity in the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — If faced with defeat, meet it with grace. Your plans may not have gone according to your plans, but you might be respected for your resilience in spite of adversity. Do your best to manage responsibilities without complaint.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may have overestimated your resources or underestimated your current debt load. You might not need help to deal with financial obligations as much as a better game plan. Trust that you'll find the best way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Even if you've decided to discard something that seems useless, some additional investigation could lead you to realize that it is not easily replaced. This is not a good day to make any irrevocable decisions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may need to break through your cocoon and avoid isolating yourself. Someone might be attracted by your aura of competence but leave an opening for them to feel comfortable approaching you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Truly loyal friends will not care if you live in a palace or an efficiency apartment. Don't be self-conscious when you are in group gatherings, let some of your finer qualities shine through and you can charm the room.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Make sure you understand; someone might not always say what they mean or may not be clear. Wait for better timing to nail down key details or have a soul-searching conversation with a loved one.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Once you are able to pinpoint what has you feeling on edge, you can work to put it behind you and move on. Pay attention to the subtle signals a loved one may be showing to avoid misunderstandings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If an unexpected remark ruffles your feathers, do your best to take a step back and breathe. Listen to other people's suggestions. You may have proven yourself to be a good collaborator and others could safeguard your interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your innocence or incorruptibility may be put to the test right now. You can attract more friends, but some could turn out to be temporary. Take gossip and other people's schemes with a grain of salt.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Trust is a two-way street. Your unwavering support can help reassure a loved one of your commitment. A problem may be nagging at the back of your brain, but with time you could find an ideal solution.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Choose to stick to the tried and true. Once you find what you enjoy you can do it repeatedly. Impulsive changes or interruptions that grab your attention could disrupt the rhythm of your workday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Negotiations may not go anywhere right now. Protect yourself from someone else's ruthless strategies by remaining non-committal. Stay calm and collected if there is some miscommunication.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Someone close may be hiding their secret fears or worries, offer them some extra support or love. Coworkers might outline devious plans that are unlikely to work out. Avoid starting new remedies or medications now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Someone who experiments with the latest gadgets or trendy concepts may seem foolish at first glance, open your mind and listen to a different perspective. Avoid letting disruptive and unsettling ideas irritate you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Get in there and do your best to get the job done. You could experience some big bursts of energy while others might still be sleeping. You may need to stand up and defend someone's rights.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It can be difficult to build trust when conditions are constantly in flux. Remain positive about your purpose. The key to successful negotiations could lie in finding common ground and pointing out mutual benefits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Avoid trading something special for something lesser. What you already have can be worth so much more than what you want to buy when you consider the memories and sentiment attached.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Someone might be fooled by your quiet demeanor and think you are just a bystander. However, despite all planning, the only thing that anyone has the power to control is their own thoughts or actions.

Loyer, Edey help No. 1 Purdue rout EKU 80-53

BY MARK AMBROGI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST LAFAYETTE — Fletcher Loyer scored 14 points and Zach Edey had 13 points to help No. 1 Purdue rout Eastern Kentucky 80-53 on Friday night.

Mason Gillis and Trey Kaufman-Renn each added 10 points for the Boilermakers (12-1). Gillis also had nine rebounds. Braden Smith finished with eight assists.

"I try to prepare every game the same, some nights it's a better game than other nights," Gillis said. "I try to keep my mentality the same. I know what my role is. I know what my job is. I preach to our guys that if we do our job we're easily the best team in the country. If I'm preaching that. I have to embody it. My job every game is chase rebounds and be ready to shoot."

Purdue coach Matt Painter praised Gillis' contributions.

"Mason was great and got some rebounds, just made some second effort plays," Painter said. "That's what we need from everybody, to keep going after the ball. Mason really gave us some positive play."

Devontae Blanton led the Colonels (4-9) with 14 points. Leland Walker had 12.

Edey had just three points in the first half but extended his streak of scoring in double figures to 64 games. He was 5 of 7 from the field.

Purdue led by 35 points at 77-42 before going deep into its bench. The Boilermakers held a 46-25 rebounding edge.

Loyer had 12 of his points in the first half.

"I think what's it's been is doing whatever it takes to help the team win," Loyer said. "For this team to make a power run in March and Big Ten, they need me to be aggressive some nights. I think we everyone to be aggressive."

Purdue started off sluggish offensively before picking it up. The Boilermakers outscored the Colonels 23-13 in the final 10 minutes of the opening half to take a 43-24 lead.

The Boilermakers shot 57% in the first half, while Eastern Kentucky shot 37%. Purdue held a 21-12 rebounding edge in the opening half. For the game, the Boilermakers shot 52%, and the Colonels 37%

Purdue (1-1 in the Big Ten) plays at Maryland on Tuesday night.

"We still haven't won a road game and we're going into a beehive where they didn't lose in the Big Ten last season," Painter said. "I feel like we've made strides. We have experience. We have some guys who went through some things. We have different guys off the bench that play off the bench, depending how the night unfolds."

Although Purdue was 6 of 21 from 3-point range against the Colonels, Painter said the team has shown a balance playing off the interior game and then able to knock down shots. Purdue was shooting 39% from 3-point range entering the game.

Keeping turnovers low has also been a key in the first 13 games.

"We had 11 turnovers tonight," Painter said. "We're averaging around 12½ per game. If we can keep our turnovers around 10, we put ourselves in really good position."

BIG PICTURE

Eastern Kentucky: The Colonels' biggest problem was Purdue's advantage in the paint. The Boilermakers outscored the Colonels 46-18 in the paint.

Purdue: The Boilermakers should retain its No. 1 spot. They won their 35th consecutive regular-season, nonconference game.

UP NEXT

Purdue visists Maryland on Tuesday night (**TV:** Live on Peacock at 7 p.m.).

Reeves leads No. 8 Kentucky to 96-70 win over former team Illinois State

BY KEITH TAYLOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON— Antonio Reeves scored 27 points to lead No. 8 Kentucky to a 96-70 win over Illinois State on Friday night.

Playing its first game since a 95-76 win over rival Louisville on Dec. 21, Kentucky (10-2) made 11 3-pointers — four by Reeves — and got 36 points from its bench. Reeves scored 30 points in Kentucky's win over Louisville.

"Just being able to play with them on the same floor is just everything for me, being able to go out there for the last year and play against our teammates. It's just it's a great feeling," he said.

Reeves began his career at Illinois State where he scored 1,195 points from 2019-22. He scored 12 points in the first half and his 3-pointer at the 5:35 mark of the first half gave the Wildcats their first double-digit lead, one that held for the remainder of the contest.

"Antonio didn't just shoot it — he got to the rim when we needed it," Kentucky coach John Calipari said.

Calipari also praised Reeves' performance on the defensive end.

"He was guarding their best player," Calipari said. "Last year, he would guard their worst player and we hoped he had black socks on that guy, because now he's our best perimeter defender."

Rob Dillingham followed Reeves with 16 points, D.J. Wagner scored 14 and Reed Sheppard finished with 11.

Calipari wasn't happy with his team's rebounding. Despite being outsized in the post, the Redbirds outrebounded the Wildcats 45-40 and grabbed 24 offensive rebounds.

"(We did) a lot of good, but (giving up) 24 offensive rebounds, you're not going to win games in our league … I can't remember one of my teams in 15 years giving up 24 offensive rebounds," Calipari said. "We didn't go get any balls. We got a few, but not like they did. That'll concern me. But we got time."

The Wildcats were without sophomore Adou Thiero who sat out because of "general soreness" in his back and is listed as day-to-day. Freshman center Zvonomir Ivisic, awaiting clearance from the NCAA on his eligibility, returned to Croatia during the Christmas break and was granted extra time to spend with his family.

Myles Foster led Illinois State (8-5) with 20 points. Malachi Poindexter and Darius Burford each had 13 and Dalton Banks finished with 11.

BIG PICTURE

Kentucky: Since dropping an 80-73 decision to UNC-Wilmington on Dec. 2, the Wildcats have reeled off four straight victories and will open the Southeastern Conference schedule at Florida on Jan. 6. Calipari moved to within three wins of clinching his 400th victory as coach of the Wildcats.

Illinois State: The Redbirds will shift focus to the Missouri Valley Conference schedule. They won their first two league contests with wins over Northern Kentucky and Murray State. Illinois State fell to 0-2 in games played against the Wildcats.

NEXT UP

Kentucky visits Florida on Saturday, Jan. 6 (**TV:** Live on ESPN at 12:30 p.m.).

Mafah runs for 4 TDs as Clemson rallies past Kentucky 38-35

BY MARK LONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Clemson finished the Gator Bowl on Friday just like it did the season: with a flourish.

Phil Mafah ran for four touchdowns, including a 3-yarder with 17 seconds to play, and the Tigers rallied to beat Kentucky 38-35 in one of the wildest Gator Bowls to date and ended the year with a five-game winning streak.

Mafah scored three times in a back-and-forth final quarter that included five turnovers, four touchdowns and five lead changes. Clemson (9-4) outscored Kentucky 28-14 over the last 15 minutes.

"You saw who we are tonight," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said. "Those guys, they finished."

Cade Klubnik made the play of the game when he connected with Troy Stellato for 16 yards on third-and-18 to set up Mafah's fourth-down run that moved the chains. Mafah scored three plays later to put the Tigers up for good.

Kentucky (7-6) had a final chance, but Devin Leary's first-down pass was intercepted by Justin Mascoll.

"A very difficult loss. Terrific football game," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said. "We faced a lot of adversity and overcame it. Mistakes and turnovers, penalties, there was a lot of things that you're not very proud of."

Mafah finished with 71 yards on 11 carries. Klubnik completed 30 of 41 passes for 264 yards with no touchdowns and an interception. He completed 8 of 9 passes on the winning drive.

Clemson trailed 21-10 after Kentucky's Barion Brown, who scored three touchdowns three different ways, returned the second-half kickoff 100 yards. The Wildcats looked like they would roll from there, but they turned the ball over on three consecutive possessions in the fourth.

Clemson took advantage and grabbed a 27-21 lead on Mafah's third TD run.

Brown responded with a 60-yard TD catch that put UK back out front 28-27. It was short-lived because Will Shipley returned the ensuing kickoff 60 yards to set up Jonathan Weitz's field goal — a 52-yarder that hit the crossbar and bounced over.

"He kicked it 52 yards and one inch," Swinney said.

The Wildcats answered, though. Leary connected with Jordan Dingle for 72 yards on the next play, setting up Ray Davis' 1-yard scoring run.

"I'm proud to have played that game," said Davis, who played despite turning pro. "The rest of my life I'm going to be able to remember that and be able to know that I was part of a very historical game in a sense of just back and forth and ups and downs, highs and lows and knowing whenever adversity struck, we stepped up to the plate."

Clemson rallied again in the end and ended up celebrating on the field afterward.

"I don't know if I've ever been a part of that in a quarter before," Swinney said. "It was special, and these guys know that."

SHIPLEY INJURED

Shipley flipped head over heels out of bounds on his long return. He grabbed his knee and had to be helped to the bench and then carted to the locker room with a towel over his head. He finished what might have been his final game at Clemson with 132 all-purpose yards, including 94 on returns.

"Initial reports seem to be encouraging," Swinney said. "But you never know until you get an MRI."

GRAND ENTRANCE

Clemson fans didn't have much to cheer about in the third quarter until former Tigers stars and current Jacksonville Jaguars standouts Trevor Lawrence and Travis Etienne walked onto the sideline.

Lawrence and Etienne got two of the loudest ovations from the Clemson side when they were shown on the video boards shaking hands with players and coaches during a timeout with 6:31 to play in the third. The duo led the Tigers to the 2018 national championship and two more appearances in the College Football Playoff.

THE TAKEAWAY

Clemson: The Tigers played without star linebacker Jeremiah Trotter Jr. (88 tackles) and standout cornerback Nate Wiggins (nine pass breakups). Both opted out to start preparing for the NFL draft and were clearly missed as Kentucky delivered three plays longer than 40 yards.

Kentucky: Davis played well in a game he easily could have skipped. He had a 43-yard scamper in the first half that set up a touchdown and finished with 63 yards on the ground.

UP NEXT

Clemson: The Tigers have plenty of youth to build around, beginning with Klubnik and receivers Tyler Brown and Antonio Williams.

Kentucky: The Wildcats have to replace Davis, who totaled 1,383 yards and 20 touchdowns this season.

Angeli throws 3 TDs as No. 15 Notre Dame routs No. 21 Oregon State at Sun Bowl

BY JOHN ERFORT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL PASO, Texas — Steve Angeli passed for 232 yards and three touchdowns, guiding No. 15 Notre Dame to a 40-8 victory over No. 21 Oregon State in the Sun Bowl on Friday.

Angeli went 15 for 19 and tossed TD passes of 8 yards to Jayden Thomas, 13 yards to Jordan Faison and 13 yards to Jeremiyah Love. The sophomore was making his first start for the Irish (10-3) in place of Sam Hartman, one of many players who opted out of the game.

"This is a moment I'll remember for the rest of my life," Angeli said, "but it's really not about me. It's about these guys around me. All those guys that have been in that room that have nurtured me, especially Sam Hartman. He's done a great job of teaching me the ways and allowing me to come out here and have this opportunity."

Angeli's teammates had full confidence in the former four-star recruit.

"We knew it was coming," receiver Jordan Faison said of Angeli. "We're not surprised."

Faison, the game's MVP, had five catches for 115 yards and a score for the Irish. Running back Jadarian Price added 106 yards on 13 carries with a TD.

Notre Dame's young players did the heavy lifting because the team had seven players — all starters — opt out of the game. That included Hartman and standout running back Audric Estime.

"We've got this thing called a bumpy road. This bumpy road ended really well," Notre Dame head coach Marcus Freeman said. "And I'm proud of these guys. It's a pleasure to coach them."

Oregon State (8-5), which finished the season on a three-game losing streak, had three starters opt out and four others enter the transfer portal — including starting quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei and backup Aidan Chiles.

That left the Beavers in a tough spot against a senior-laden Irish defense that ranked eighth in the nation and limited Oregon State to 197 total yards and just two yards rushing.

The game turned for good late in the second quarter when Oregon State, trailing 7-0, tried a fake punt from midfield that was stuffed for a loss. Notre Dame then drove seven plays and pushed the lead to 14-0 with just 27 seconds left in the half on Price's 1-yard run.

Jimmy Valsin III had the lone score for Oregon State, catching a 33-yard pass from Ben Gulbranson. Offensive lineman Tyler Voltin ran in the 2-point conversion from the wildcat formation.

That score at 6:02 of the fourth quarter cut Notre Dame's lead to 33-8 before the Irish tacked a final TD on a 6-yard run by Chase Ketterer with 2:45 to play.

Gulbranson was 16 for 27 for 180 yards and an interception.

"Obviously it's not the result we wanted," Oregon State interim head coach Kefense Hynson said. "Hats off to Notre Dame. I mean, that's a really, really good football team. They are all we saw on tape."

THE TAKEAWAY

Oregon State: The biggest question facing the Beavers is their uncertain conference future. Oregon State and Washington State are the remaining members of the Pac-12, and the Beavers only have six games on their 2024 schedule. Wherever they end up, new head coach Trent Bray will have eight returnees on offense and five on defense from Friday's game.

Notre Dame: The Irish secured a 10-win season to gain momentum heading into next season, the first with the expanded playoff — in which they'll be expected to be a factor. Based on the depth chart from Friday, the Irish could return all 11 starters on offense, but just four on defense. Many of those spots will be open to competition, especially at quarterback, where Duke transfer Riley Leonard will be in the mix.

HONORS & AWARDS

The Irish swept the game's awards. Faison was named the MVP, defensive end Jordan Botelho was the Most Valuable Lineman and kicker Spencer Shrader was the Special Teams MVP. Botelho had five tackles, a sack and 1.5 tackles for loss. Shrader booted a 44-yard field goal and five extra points.

FACTS & FIGURES

Notre Dame was 8 of 14 on third downs, while Oregon State was 1 for 9. The Irish had 24 first downs to 10 for the Beavers. The game's lone turnover was an interception by Benjamin Morrison of Notre Dame. This was the third time the teams had played and all three have been in bowl games, with the Beavers having won the first two. Oregon State is 2-1 all-time in the Sun Bowl, while Notre Dame is 2-0 in El Paso.

Colts TE Ogletree arrested on domestic violence charges

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts tight end Drew Ogletree was arrested Friday on domestic violence charges, according to court records.

The 25-year-old Ogletree was charged with domestic battery committed in the physical presence of a child less than 16 years old and domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, Indiana court records show. Both are felonies.

Ogletree is accused in a probable cause affidavit of body slamming a woman on Tuesday in Hendricks County after she looked at his phone and discovered that he was cheating on her, The Indianapolis Star reported.

Accounts provided by both the woman and Ogletree indicated she attempted to "smack" him, but did not. She told police Ogletree "body slammed" her to the ground. Ogletree told officers he pushed her to the ground, according to the affidavit.

Responding officers with the Avon Police Department found the woman in pain and unable to move, the affidavit shows. She was taken to a hospital to have her injuries assessed.

Ogletree remained held without bond Saturday at the Hendricks County Jail pending a Tuesday court hearing, Deputy Mark Grace said. The court also issued a no-contact order.

An attorney for Ogletree listed in court records didn't immediately respond Saturday to messages left by The Associated Press.

The Colts in a statement said the team knows about the arrest.

"We are aware of the disturbing allegations involving Drew Ogletree," the statement said. "The team takes these matters seriously. We have notified the NFL and are in the process of gathering more information."

The Colts later issued a statement attributed to an NFL spokesperson that said the league placed Ogletree on the commissioner exempt list.

"Ogletree may not practice or attend games while on the list," according to the statement.

Ogletree was the Colts' sixth-round pick out of Youngstown State in the 2022 draft. He has nine catches for 147 yards and two touchdowns this season for the 8-7 Colts, who are chasing a playoff spot. The team plays at home against the Las Vegas Raiders on Sunday.

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THREE CUBS WIN AT CLASSIC

Madison's Ethan Pittman, Drew Zuckschwerdt and Ayden Waggoner each claimed championships at the Cubs Classic on Thursday.

Pittman (9-4) won the title at 113 pounds with a bye, a pin over Heritage Hills' Sophia Wollenmann in 59 seconds and a forfeit over Lana Reeves of Louisville Male in the finals.

Zuckschwerdt (14-7) won the crown at 126 pounds with a pin in 1:20 over Columbus East's Brian Findley in the quarterfinals, a pin over Mitchell's Ezari Brazzel in 5:49 and 3-2 win over East Central's Brayden Proctor in the championship.

Waggoner (18-2) picked up a forfeit in his first match at 175 pounds, pinned Paoli's Larry Warren in 2:37 in the semifinals then defeated East Central's Travis Riley 5-4 in the finals.

Eli Stewart (120 pounds) and Taye LaBolt (165) each placed second on the day, William Livingston (157) placed fourth, Izik Roberts (132) and Trenton Bivens (138) each placed fifth, Zane Skinner (150), Owen Colwell (157), Blake Pettit (165) and Don Chen (215) were each sixth and Kieran Lock (126), Nicholas Colson (144) and Jaime Rodriguez (150) were each seventh.

East Central scored 246 points to win the team title. Madison was fourth out of the eight teams with 152 points.

Madison hosts the Nick Shadday Invitational on Saturday.

RICHARDS WINS SPARTAN CLASSIC

Switzerland County's Peyton Richards won all five of his matches to claim the title at the Spartan Classic at Connersville on Saturday.

Wrestling at 126 pounds, Richards won a 17-2 technical fall over Triton Central's Connor Phipps in the opening round, pinned Chatard's Cam Harden in 3:26 in the second round, posted a 15-0 technical fall over Charlestown's Christian Grayson in the quarterfinals, defeated Franklin County's Colin Troyer 7-0 in the semifinals, then beat New Palestine's Gunner Butt 4-3 on a tiebreaker in the championship.

Ethan Rose was the only other Pacer to place in the massive 30-team field, coming in third at 113 pounds after winning seven matches on the day. Ethan Jones (138 pounds) and Kolvin Beck (190) each went 3-2, Dakota Fields (120), Gabe Roze (144), Jaksyn Smithson-Cox (157) and Mason Stroud (165) each went 2-2, and Keagan Gross (132), Chazz Hartley (132), Gabe Jackson (150), Jachoby McKay (175) and Christian Smith (285) each went 1-2.

Greenfield Central won the team title with 266 points. Switzerland placed 13th with 100 points.

Switzerland hosts Clarksville and South Dearborn on Wednesday and competes in the Nick Shadday Invitational at Madison on Saturday.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Ryker's Ridge Water Company will elect three (3) members to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting on January 22, 2024. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Ryker's Ridge Firehouse located at 2834 N Ryker's Ridge Road, Madison, IN. If you are interested in being a candidate for the board please contact the company office at 812-273-1851 before 3:00 p.m. on January 8, 2024, and attend the annual meeting.

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Notice of a Petition for a Dissolution of Marriage

Let it be known that, I, Julia Mae Daniels, have petitioned for a dissolution of marriage from Zander Christian Daniels in the state of Indiana at the Jefferson County Courthouse on October 23,2023. The case number for this petitioned dissolution is 39D01-2310-DN-905.

Filed: October 23, 2023
Petitioner: Julia Mae Daniels
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STATE OF INDIANA
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SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-2312-EU-000090
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF
WILFORD WAYNE LEWIS, DECEASED.
William Joseph Jenner, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE, 508 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILFORD WAYNE LEWIS, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Michael Cornett was, on December 20, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Wilford Wayne Lewis, deceased, who died on the 6th day of November, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this December 20, 2023.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN
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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2312-DN-001084
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF
ALICIA LEE CYRUS,
Petitioner,
VS
MATTHEW CYRUS,
Respondent.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Matthew Cyrus
Whereabouts Unknown
THE STATE OF INDIANA to the above person named as Respondent and any other person who may be concerned.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been sued in the court above named by the person named as Petitioner. The nature of the suit is a dissolution of marriage. The Petition for Dissolution was filed on December 19, 2023.
The whereabouts of Matthew Cyrus are unknown.
If you wish to be apprised of the date of the final hearing in this matter, you or your attorney must enter an appearance within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published. If you fail to do so, a hearing will be scheduled and held in your absence and you will be bound by the Court's ruling thereon.
The name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner is Darrell M. Auxier, Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe, 508 East Main Street, Madison, Indiana, 47250, Telephone: (812) 265-5132.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 19th day of December, 2023.
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Pitcher Montas agrees to $16M, 1-year deal with Reds

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Frankie Montas and the Cincinnati Reds have agreed to a $16 million, one-year contract, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press, a deal that gives the 30-year-old right-hander a chance to revive his career after an injury-decimated spell with the New York Yankees.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Saturday because the agreement was subject to a successful physical.

The agreement was first reported by the New York Post.

Montas was acquired by the Yankees from Oakland with reliever Lou Trivino on Aug. 1, 2022, for four prospects. Montas went 1-3 with a 6.35 ERA in eight starts with New York that year, later admitting he wasn't healthy.

He had labrum surgery on Feb. 21 with Los Angeles Dodgers head team physician Dr. Neal ElAttrache and made his only big league appearance of the year on Sept. 30. On the next-to-last day of the season, Montas retired four hitters while allowing two hits and a walk to get the win in a 5-2 victory at Kansas City.

Montas is 37-35 with a 3.90 ERA in 99 starts and 31 relief appearances for the Chicago White Sox (2015), Oakland (2017-22) and the Yankees.

He had a $7.5 million salary last season in his last year of arbitration eligibility.

he Cincinnati Reds brought back Buck Farmer on Thursday, signing the reliever to a $2.25 million, one-year contract.

Farmer became a free agent after he went 4-5 with three saves and a 4.20 ERA in 71 appearances for Cincinnati this year. The right-hander had a 2-2 record with two saves and a 3.83 ERA in 44 games in 2022, his first season with the Reds.

He can earn $350,000 in performance bonuses for games pitched: $50,000 each for 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and 65.

Reneau scores career-high 34, leads Indiana over Kennesaw State 100-87

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON — Sophomore Malik Reneau scored 34 points, setting a career high for a second straight game, to lead Indiana to a 100-87 victory over Kennesaw State on Friday night.

Reneau matched his best effort on the boards with 11 rebounds to finish off his first double-double for the Hoosiers (10-3). He made 13 of 19 shots with a 3-pointer and 7 of 11 free throws, adding four assists and five of Indiana's 18 turnovers.

Reneau had 25 points last time out in Indiana's 83-66 victory over visiting North Alabama.

Mackenzie Mgbako and Trey Galloway both scored 14. Mgbako made three 3-pointers in the first 2:11 to help Indiana take an 11-5 lead. He grabbed six rebounds, while Galloway had seven assists. Reserves Kaleb Banks and Anthony Walker scored 12 and 10, respectively, and each finished with five boards.

Payton Sparks pitched in with 10 points, eight rebounds and four blocked shots.

Simeon Cottle led the Owls (9-5) with 21 points. Terrell Burden had 20 points, nine assists and five of KSU's 15 turnovers. Jusaun Holt came off the bench to score 16 of his 19 points in the first half as the Owls trailed 50-46 at halftime.

Cottle and Burden made back-to-back 3-pointers and Kennesaw State took a 68-64 lead with 13:16 remaining in the game. Banks answered with a three-point play, Reneau followed with a layup and Indiana moved back in front by a point. Banks hit a 3-pointer and Walker sank two straight jumpers to push the Hoosiers' lead to 81-71, and they stayed comfortably in front over the final 7:47.

The Hoosiers shot 61% from the floor (36 of 59) and made 7 of 15 from beyond the arc.

They were 21 for 33 at the free-throw line.

Kennesaw State shot 45.1% overall (32 for 71) and 48.6% from distance (17 for 35). The Owls were 6 of 8 at the foul line.

Indiana, which has won three straight games, travels to play Nebraska on Jan. 3 (**TV:** Live on BTN at 9 p.m.) as Big Ten Conference play resumes.

Kennesaw State, which falls to 0-4 against Indiana, returns home to play Queens University in an Atlantic Sun Conference opener.

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